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## 45 years in prison for sex predator

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REPORTER

**S**uperior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho sent a strong message yesterday to sexual predators who violate their probation: Full maximum jail sentence with no parole.

Camacho revoked the probation of Anthony Peter Rios and slapped him with a 45-year prison sentence.

"This court will remind the defendant and others that the sign at the front of this building states in big letters: House of Justice. Anthony Rios, you will receive justice today. This court will impose the full maximum remainder of the original sentences," the judge said.

Camacho is known for rejecting lenient plea bargains and im-

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A court marshal and a corrections officer escort convicted sexual predator Anthony Peter Rios back to the courtroom yesterday. Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho revoked Rios' probation and sentenced him to 45 years in prison.

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## Impeachment panel buckles down to work

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House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) appointed yesterday eight members of a Special Committee on Impeachment to review a milestone resolution initiating impeachment proceedings against Gov. Benigno R. Fitial for 16 acts of felony, corruption and neglect of duty, even as the governor prepares to address the allegations against him.



Cabrera

Four of the panel members are from the minority bloc. The other four are from the leadership, which is aligned with the governor's Republican Party.

All committee members are seeking re-election in the Nov. 6 midterm elections.

The speaker appointed House minority leader Joe Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan) as chairman of the eight-member panel that will

review each of the alleged five acts of cor-

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## Marines start arriving on Tinian for exercise

By **HAIDEE V. EUGENIO**  
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Some 65 U.S. Marines based in Okinawa arrived on Tinian last night and an additional 150 Marines, along with Japanese Self-Defense Force troops, will follow early next week for a historic joint training—almost 70 years since forces from these two nations fought against each other on Tinian.

Tinian, one of the main islands of the CNMI, was the launching pad for the two

atomic bombs that the U.S. dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in Japan, putting a decisive end to World War II.

Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz and his chief of staff, Don Farrell, separately said yesterday that a C-130 carrying an estimated 65 U.S. Marines from Camp Hansen in Okinawa, Japan landed last night on Tinian's West Field for the military exercise. From there, they moved to North Field.

Dela Cruz and Farrell said the first group will set up their cantonment or camp site,

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» **Japanese troops to join training next week**

## Summit touts NI's 'untapped potentials'

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REPORTER

The 1st Northern Frontier Summit officially concluded yesterday with calls for clear-cut strategies and applicable legislation to accelerate the economic redevelopment of the Northern Islands, which participants touted as an integral part of the Commonwealth with many untapped po-

tentials.

The inaugural summit, held at the Fiesta Resort & Spa in Garapan, brought together over 80 legislators, government officials, and business leaders to listen to presentations on an array of topics, which outline the Northern Islands' vast economic opportunities.

Jerome Kaipat Aldan of the North-

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Over 80 lawmakers, government officials, and island leaders attend the 1st Northern Frontier Summit held yesterday at the Fiesta Resort & Spa in Garapan.

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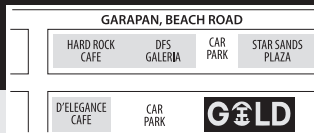
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## 4 in 'ice' trafficking case plead not guilty

Four suspects facing two separate indictments in federal court for allegedly conspiring to distribute methamphetamine or "ice" have entered not guilty pleas.

At the arraignment on Wednesday afternoon, Robin Norita Sablan, Ofelia Pua Sablan, Leonard Urumellog Ordonez, and Perry M. Iguel, pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Robin Sablan is a former CNMI adult probation officer, while Ordonez is a Division of Youth Services probation officer. Iguel is a Customs officer.

The jury trial of the Sablan couple and Ordonez will take

place on Oct. 22, 2012, while that of Iguel will be on Oct. 29, 2012.

Loren Sutton, counsel for Ofelia Sablan, asked the court to lift his client's stay-away order from co-defendant Robin Sablan since the Sablans are married. Steven Pixley, court-appointed counsel for Robin Sablan, joined in the motion. Assistant U.S. attorney Ross Naughton did not object.

U.S. District Court for the

NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona granted the Sablans' request.

The indictment charged Ordonez and the Sablan couple with conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine.

From June 10, 2010 until Aug. 22, 2012 the three defendants allegedly conspired to distribute "ice." Robin Sablan was charged with one count of distribution of methamphetamine. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

## MHS Class of '83 sets meeting

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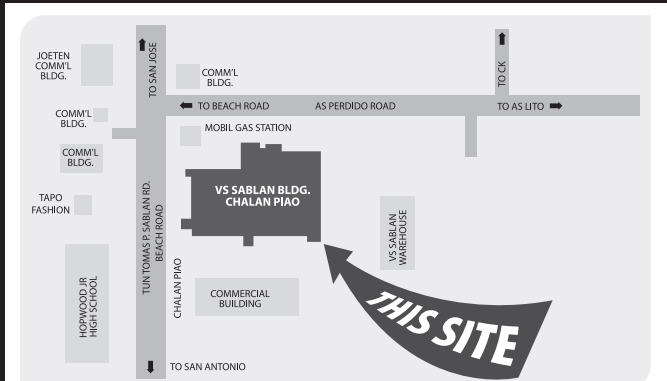
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## Vehicle sales up 86 percent in August

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Automotive dealers posted an 86-percent surge in new vehicle sales in August compared to the same month last year, but Commonwealth Auto Dealers Association secretary Douglas Brennan said yesterday that most of the increase was a result of the low sales last year in the aftermath of the March 2011 tsunami and nuclear disasters in Japan.

The three-member CADA sold 52 new cars, vans, trucks, and sports utility vehicles in August, up from only 28 sold during the same month last year.

Year-to-date sales are up 41 percent, from 284 last year to 400 this year.

Microl Corp., the local distributor of Toyota and Chevrolet, sold 29 or 56 percent of the total vehicles sold in August. Its year-to-date sales are up 89 percent, from 103 to 195.

Joeten Motors sold 14 new vehicles in August, a 56-percent increase from the same month last year. Between January and August, Joeten Motors sold 106 vehicles, a 3-percent increase from the 103 sold during the same period last year. Joeten Motors is the local dealer of Nissan, Ford, Honda, and Kia.

Triple "J" Motors, meanwhile, sold nine vehicles in August, down 25 percent from 12 during the same month last year. But its year-to-date sales are 27 percent up, from 78 to 99. Triple "J" Motors distributes Hyundai, Mitsubishi, Isuzu, Suzuki, and Mazda.

Of the 52 new vehicles sold in August, 22 were cars, 13 were SUVs, nine were trucks, and eight were vans.

Among cars, the most saleable in August was Toyota Corolla with eight sold, followed by Hyundai Elantra with four, and two each of Ford Fiesta and Toyota Venza.

The other cars sold in August were one each of Hyundai Accent, Kia Forte, Mazda3, Nissan Maxima, Toyota Yaris, and Toyota Prius.

Hyundai Tucson topped the SUV sales chart with three sold in August. Nissan Rogue and Toyota 4 Runner came second with two sold each.

The other SUVs sold in August were one each of Ford Explorer, Nissan Murano, Nissan Pathfinder, Toyota Highlander, Toyota RAV4, and Toyota Sequoia.

Of the nine trucks sold in August, seven were Toyota Tacoma and two were Nissan Frontier.

Toyota Sienna sold the most number of vans in August with five, followed by Ford E-Van with two, and Nissan Quest, one.

CADA also sold 19 used vehicles, bringing to 160 the total sold between January and August.

## OAG submits Fund board appointment history

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Complying with a judge's order, the Office of the Attorney General submitted to the federal court the history of the NMI Retirement Fund board's appointments from January 2006 to the present.

Assistant attorney general Reena J. Patel informed the U.S. District Court for the NMI on Wednesday that the OAG requested the special assistant of projects law review to compile the appointment history, as requested by the court.

Patel said the OAG does not maintain records of appointments to the Fund board as the trustees are appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Senate.

Victoria Guerrero, special assistant for the Office of Programs and Legislative Review for the Office of the Governor, stated in her declaration that their office regularly maintains records of all appointees to boards and commissions for the CNMI government, its agencies, and instrumentalities.

According to Guerrero's record, from September 2006 to April 2012, a total of 12 persons were nominated to the Fund board. Of the 12, one was nominated thrice and five were nominated twice each.

According to attorney Brad-dock Huesman, counsel for the Fund board, the current trustees

are only Pedro Q. Dela Cruz, Sixto K. Igisomar, and Adelina C. Roberto.

Huesman said the board currently lacks a quorum and is unable to defend itself against the lawsuit filed by two unnamed retirees.

The statute creating the Fund provides that the Fund's board must have seven trustees.

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge Frances M. Tydingco-Gatewood had ordered the OAG to submit the board's appointment history.

Tydingco-Gatewood ordered the parties in the lawsuit to present arguments whether the case can move forward, given that the Fund's board lacks a quorum.

The unnamed retirees want the court to grant their three emergency motions: motion to lift stay,

motion for a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction, and motion for leave to file a second amended complaint.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and the CNMI government are opposed to have the litigation of the lawsuit proceed.

The federal court has set a settlement discussion in the unnamed retirees' lawsuit for Sept. 10, 2012.



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# Saipan SDA Clinic marks 40 years of trusted service

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The Saipan Seventh-day Adventist Clinic is celebrating a milestone in its history as the longest-established clinic on Saipan, marking 40 years of providing dental care to the island community.

What started out at its first clinic director's residence in 1972 has grown into a dental clinic that meets the wide range of oral health care needs of the population.

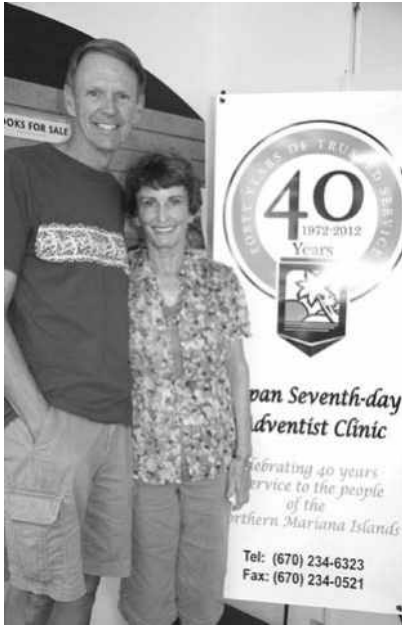
"We try to stay on top of technology in dentistry as it develops and changes, and maintain excellent standards of care to enable us to give our patients top quality dental care just as good as you would get anywhere in the U.S., hopefully better," said clinic director Dr. Kenneth D. Pierson.

He stressed that their Christian principles, which are at the core of their organization, distinguish them from other private dental clinics in the field. Owned and operated by the SDA World Church organization, the Saipan SDA Clinic's philosophy is rooted in values like honesty, compassion, and ethical practice.

Additionally, Pierson said that the Saipan SDA Clinic is recognized for its various outreach programs and activities such as Clinic With A Heart, Give Kids A Smile, participation in health fairs, and presentations in schools.

"All of that put together and it's a really unique situation to be in, where we're not driven by profit but rather what's best for each patient," he said.

Despite the economic and population declines, Pierson said that SDA



CLARISSA V. DAVID

Dr. Steve Fisher, founder and first clinic director of the Saipan SDA Clinic, and his wife Karyl smile for the camera at the clinic yesterday. They arrived Wednesday night to take part in the 40th anniversary celebration of the longest-established dental clinic on island.

Clinic continues to maintain a solid clientele base that includes people of every ethnic background and age.

"We've been able to remain busy and there are always people in need of our services," he said. "I really feel that the Lord has sustained us and kept things going well."

To commemorate its anniversary, Saipan SDA Clinic will have a weekend celebration, beginning with today's Open House from 11am to 2pm. The

event, Pierson said, is an opportunity not only to welcome the public but also a meet-and-greet for their founder, Dr. Steve Fisher.

Fisher, who is on island with wife Karyl, recounted in a separate interview that he was asked to set up the Saipan SDA Clinic at the invitation of the NMI Legislature to the Guam SDA Clinic.

The first clinic, located in the Fisher residence in Susupe behind the Joeten warehouses, had two dental operatories and a reception area. Back then, it was manned by Steve Fisher as the clinic director and dentist, his wife Karyl as receptionist, and Terry Rumas as assistant.

Setting up the clinic didn't come easy, according to Fisher, as they had to deal with issues like "very intermittent" electricity and water supply as well as scarce building materials. As soon as the clinic opened, however, Karyl said that they were booked two months in advance.

Seven years later, a second building on the same site was built. In 1989, it was decided that the clinic be moved to its current location next to the SDA Church along Quartermaster Road.

Steve and Karyl Fisher left the island that same year or about 18 years since the clinic was established. This trip has been their third visit since leaving the Marianas and going back to Auburn, Calif.

"I'm always excited at how well the community accepted us and actually contributes to our success," he said.

Steve Fisher applauded Pierson and the entire Saipan SDA Clinic staff for doing "a great job" of keeping up the

clinic and being actively involved in the community. "I think community involvement is what we're here for. The more we do, the better."

He also noted how the Saipan SDA Clinic backs initiatives that support the younger members of the community. "The core of community is the children," Fisher explained. "It's one of the most important areas, to provide as much help and education for the young people so they can grow up and become responsible adults in the community."

Pierson, for his part, thanked the Fishers for building the clinic's foundation and standards to which they adhere in carrying on realizing the Saipan SDA Clinic's mission. He also acknowledged their clients for their trust and confidence in the clinic.

Pierson also recognized the staff—past and present—of the Saipan SDA Clinic. "To reach 40 years is more than just one or two people," he said. "I am grateful to all those who continue to work and have worked in the past to make this achievement a reality."

## MARINES

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in preparation for next week's military training.

Farrell said between Sept. 10 and 12, about 15 amphibious tractors carrying some 150 U.S. Marines "and possibly Japanese Self-Defense Force" troops will also arrive on Tinian.

"I said 'possibly' because the Japanese troops may arrive by plane. The important thing is, they will be arriving on Tinian," he said.

Dela Cruz said he is glad that the U.S. Department of Defense, which leases two-thirds of Tinian lands, is now conducting training exercises on the island, not only to help boost Tinian's economy but also allow the island to have a new role in national defense albeit for training purposes.

"This is not just any kind of training. This is history in the making because we will be having U.S. and Japanese troops training alongside each other," he said. During the war, these two forces fought each other on the same island.

Dela Cruz also said that "special forces" will take part in the exercises,

including Navy SEALs and rangers. "I believe the training scenario will be a hostage rescue operation."

Since Dela Cruz was elected to office, he has been calling on the U.S. Department of Defense to use its leased lands on Tinian. "I'm happy things are happening now."

Beginning Monday, Tinian's North Field will be closed for the military exercise.

This will be the first joint exercises on Tinian by the Japanese Ground Self-Defense Force and the III Marine Expeditionary Force.

Farrell said this will be called the Mariana Islands Complex Certification Exercise or Certex.

Tinian is hosting only small fraction of the estimated 2,200 U.S. Marines and sailors that are taking part in a military exercise in Guam and the CNMI this month.

This month's training exercises on Tinian follows Exercise Geiger Fury 2012 in May, the largest military exercise the CNMI had seen in years involving some 200 U.S. military personnel led by Marine Aircraft Group-12 out of Iwakuni, Japan.

Another round of MAG-12 exercises is set for November to December.

## SUMMIT

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ern Islands Development Planning Committee welcomed participants to the daylong summit, which was broadcast live on the Internet, providing access to Northern Marianas natives from anywhere in the world.

Aldan labeled the summit as an "open dialogue and exchange of ideas" as they endeavor to generate economic success, with emphasis on sustainability, in the Northern Islands and the rest of the CNMI.

The summit, Aldan said, will serve as a guide for the Northern Islands

Mayor's Office in efforts to formulate realistic action plans that are both short-term and long-term.

Expert panelists talked about and answered questions on areas covering free trade zone, agriculture, land use and natural resources, fishing, island tourism, alternative energy, a prospective cruise liner expedition, and filming and production.

But as insights were offered on these exciting economic opportunities, yesterday's keynote speaker brushed on the different challenges that the Commonwealth cannot afford to undermine in its efforts to explore such prospects.

Saipan Chamber of Commerce president Douglas Brennan noted that

logistics would be a major issue given the lack of accessibility between the Northern Islands and Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

"We need a convenient, cost-effective means to travel and transport products and people to and from the islands," said Brennan. He pointed out, though, that there are options to explore to address this challenge, including the airport in Pagan.

Brennan emphasized the need to keep the Northern Frontier Summit going, challenging island leaders to take the lead to put mutually beneficial and sustainable options for the Northern Islands while maintain its "intrinsic allure" and "cultural heritage."

## IMPEACHMENT

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ruption, seven acts of neglect of duty, and four commissions of felonies.

Deleon Guerrero is the main author of the impeachment resolution co-authored by six other House minority members.

"I really didn't expect the speaker would appoint me as chair. But I respect his decision and I accept it," he told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

He said he has started touching base with other appointees and reviewing the House rules that govern special committees. "The first meeting of the full committee will be called next week. Right now, it's more about reviewing House rules," he said, adding that the panel's role is likened to a grand jury that will determine whether the allegations rise to the level of impeachment.

The Fitial administration has labeled the impeachment move as "frivolous."

If and when the impeachment resolution gets at least 14 votes from the House, the Senate will have to investi-

gate it and would need at least six votes to convict the governor.

So far, only eight lawmakers have gone on record saying they will vote "yes" to the resolution.

This is the first time in CNMI history that a resolution to impeach a governor has been introduced, and only the second attempt to remove a sitting governor.

Besides Joe Deleon Guerrero, the three other members of the special committee from the minority bloc are: Reps. Frank Dela Cruz (R-Saipan), Tony Sablan (R-Saipan), and Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan).

The four committee members from the House leadership are vice speaker Felicidad Ogunoro (Cov-Saipan), Reps. Fred Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), Joe Palacios (R-Saipan), and Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan).

Cabrera gave the special committee 30 days to report to the full House.

Palacios said the committee doesn't need to exhaust the full 30 days.

"We should be done in two weeks or earlier. We should be concentrating on more critical issues such as the hospi-

tal, medical referral and the Retirement Fund. Our patients are suffering, and you see them and their relatives panhandling because they don't have funds to seek medical treatment off island. But instead of addressing those, others are focusing more on other issues," he added.

### 'Why did Fitial sign it?'

Judiciary and Governmental Operations Committee chair Rep. Ralph Demapan (Cov-Saipan) said his panel will meet next week to go over the documents related to the secretive 25-year power purchase agreement that Fitial signed off with Saipan Development LLC.

This no-bid contract and \$190.8 million agreement are among the issues in the impeachment resolution.

"We'd love for the governor to explain to the committee why he signed this contract. Why was the Legislature not informed about it if it's good for the CNMI? Did it comply with procurement regulations? These are just some of the questions we have for the governor and those who signed it," Demapan said.

## PREDATOR

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posing full maximum sentences.

At the revocation hearing, the judge found by preponderance of evidence that the 38-year-old Rios violated conditions of his probation and committed two counts of sexual assault in the second degree, two counts of assault and battery, and two counts of disturbing the peace.

One of Rios' victims testified that Rios entered her bedroom as she was asleep and that she woke up to see Rios touching her genitals. The suspect then fled the scene and was later arrested.

She also recounted that when she was just 17 years old, Rios touched her nipple and genitals while teaching her how to swim at a beach.

Assistant attorneys general Chemere K. McField and Shelli Neal also called to the witness stand a staff of Saipan World Resort who testified how terrified she was when she saw Rios watching her showering in the hotel's bathroom on Oct. 28, 2011.

McField had recommended a sentence of 45 years. Assistant public defender Daniel Guidotti, counsel for Rios, recommended 10 to 15 years in prison. Camacho granted the government's recommendation.

In the 1997 rape conviction, Camacho sentenced Rios to the full maximum of 40 years, without the possibility of parole, early release, work release, weekend release, or any other similar program.

In the 2003 conviction for sexual crimes in two cases, Camacho sentenced the defendant to the full maximum of five years.

Camacho said the sentence shall

run consecutively with the sentence imposed in the 1997 case, making it a total of 45 years.

"This sentence shall start immediately today!" he said.

Rios was given credit for the 86 days he has already served in jail.

Camacho also reminded Rios that he is still facing possible more jail time in the two new cases that charge him with disturbing the peace and sexual assault in the second degree.

Rios pleaded guilty in 1997 to repeatedly raping and molesting three minors. The record reflects multiple occasions of molestations and forcible rape of the victims over a five-year period.

In that 1997 case, Camacho said the court showed mercy and accepted a plea agreement that sentenced Rios to only five years in prison, with the remaining 40 years suspended.

After serving five years, Rios was freed.

Camacho said that, in 2003 or only five months after being released, Rios was again arrested for sexual crimes and, again, was only sentenced to five years out of 10 years. After serving the second set of five years, Rios was again freed.

Three years after being released, Rios was again arrested for two new incidents: one for entering a public restroom for women and the other for entering a woman's bedroom and fondling her genitals while she was asleep.

"Rios has failed to hold up his end of the two plea bargains requiring him to obey the laws of the CNMI," Camacho said.

Assistant attorney general McField told *Saipan Tribune* after the hearing that justice was served and that one sexual predator has been taken off the streets.



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A renewable energy expert that also previously served as senior economist at the U.S. Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory told lawmakers and businesses on Wednesday that integrating renewable energy into an existing diesel power grid is now cost-effective and works best on Saipan where utility costs are high.

Dr. Peter Lilienthal, chief executive officer of HOMER Energy, a company that specializes in analyzing electrical island microgrids and designing integration of renewable energy into the existing grids, made separate presentations Wednesday before lawmakers on Capitol Hill and the Saipan Chamber of Commerce at Hyatt Regency Saipan in Garapan.

He discussed the opportunities and challenges of reducing the CNMI's reliance on diesel consumption by adding renewable energy to the grid.

"The biggest challenge is the cost of oil and the quantities of oil that you need to import. ...All of that imported oil is paid for with money that leaves Saipan permanently. So the value of renewables is it reduces your need for importing oil which is very expensive. The benefit is reducing your fuel bill," Lilienthal said in an interview with reporters after his presentation.

He said solar and wind energy are the best renewable options for an island like Saipan. But if geothermal resources, once verified and if found to be cost-effective, could also be integrated into the existing grid, he added.

Lilienthal is working with Victor Popolitov, who formed a few years ago a CNMI company called Initiative, Intelligence, Innovation, Investments-CNMI LLC, to invest in renewable power systems in the CNMI.

HOMER Energy has provided expertise for the integration of renewable power in microgrids in the Caribbean, on Kauai, in Afghanistan, Indonesia and other places. More information on HOMER Energy can be found at [www.homerenergy.com](http://www.homerenergy.com).

**On the \$190.8 million PPA**  
At the beginning of his Chamber presentation, Chamber president Douglas Brennan made it clear that Lilienthal is not in any way connected to or working with the CNMI government or on the 25-year power purchase agreement between the CNMI government and Saipan Development LLC that will build a 50-MW diesel power plant.

Lilienthal, however, shared his views with reporters about the PPA later on.

When asked whether he thinks it makes sense for Saipan to commit to long-term diesel power contract, he said, "The answer is no."

"It is important to not lock yourself in because things are changing," Lilienthal said, referring to a 25-year agreement.

He also acknowledged that the PPA has become a political and contentious issue.

The energy expert said though that given that Saipan has old diesel generators, it needs to add some amount of "very efficient generation for the baseload, which is about 15 megawatts."

"Whether that actually makes sense or not depends on the details of the contract and what they're proposing... I've read the contract...but all the technical details appear to be on a separate document," he said.

He said while there's talk about 10 percent reduction, there's no enforcement mechanism.

The energy expert said the 25-year PPA "should not preclude renewable energy."

"It's really important that you all maintain flexibility to adopt renewable energy in the near future really. Whether that contract would allow you to do that depends on the details. And I haven't seen the details," he added.

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## Payroll on today for hospital employees

### »But housing allowance delayed for 7 months

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Employees of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. can sigh with relief for now following confirmation yesterday that their payroll will be released as scheduled today.

Corporation chief financial officer Alvaro Santos confirmed yesterday that "there will be payday [today]" and that funds will come from the corporation's revenue and collection.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that the corporation's payroll cost is about \$650,000 biweekly, not including the housing allowance, which amounts to over \$100,000 monthly.

A statement from the office of CEO Juan N. Babauta states that corporation paychecks will be issued today along with allotments and employee contributions for retirement.

"Employer contribution is one that the entire CNMI government doesn't pay still, but as far as the corporation is concerned they treat that on a case-by-case basis, mostly on availability of funds," the statement adds.

Press secretary Angel Demapan separately confirmed that the Department of Finance did not receive a request for assistance with the corporation's payroll.

"It appears that the corporation may have been able to handle their payroll processing on their own," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

The Fitial administration earlier requested an immediate

drawdown of \$2.4 million from the \$7 million line of credit from Marianas Public Land Trust to assist the corporation in its immediate needs such as payroll and supplies.

"In regards to the MPLT drawdown, the administration has not received an update," said Demapan.

The corporation last month failed to provide the payroll of employees on time. The payroll for that week was delayed for five days. Some outpatient clinics were also forced to temporarily shut down due to the lack of attending physicians and medical supplies.

"Since we experienced that disappointing 'payless payday,' we're always worried about our next paycheck. So we're glad that the corporation is now making our salary a priority on

their list," a long-time hospital employee said.

Meantime, some nurses interviewed yesterday remain disappointed with the management for keeping them in the dark about their housing allowance. This month marks the seventh month that the housing allowance has been delayed.

The allowance is given to employees hired from outside the CNMI. It amounts to \$600 for single employees and \$800 for those with families.

The corporation's advisory board has recommended to Babauta the scrapping of the housing allowance effective October this year. To date, the CEO has no clear answer to employees whether he will stop or suspend the housing benefit.

The corporation's workforce is down to 436 from 600 in October 2011, mainly due to an emergency reduction-in-force, resignations, and retirements.

## NMC Archives gets grant funds

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**—The Office of Insular Affairs has announced the award of \$20,000 in Technical Assistance Program grant funding to the Northern Marianas College CNMI Archives to assist with the digital storage of its historical collection of regional newspapers.

"The ability to preserve these important records reflecting the rich history of the Northern Mariana Islands and our entire region is vital to the ability of future generations to connect with their past," said Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), who had expressed his strong support for this project to Babauta.

The CNMI Archives is the primary repository for government documents within the

Northern Marianas and contains a significant volume of historical materials relating to the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and the Japanese, German, and Spanish eras of control. The Archives also houses the Pacific Collection, which contains thousands of books and other materials pertaining to the Marianas and Pacific region.

The goal of the funded program is to store and make available electronically copies of such newspapers as the *Saipan Tribune*, *Marianas Variety*, *Pacific Daily News*, and *Marshall Islands Journal*, in order to make the materials significantly more accessible and preserve their historical value for the CNMI community. (PR)



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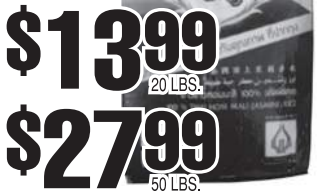
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# Over 150 absentee ballot requests so far

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CNMI voters presently located outside the islands are starting to mail in their requests for absentee ballot forms so they could participate in the midterm elections on Nov. 6.

Robert A. Guerrero, executive director of the Commonwealth Election Commission, said yesterday that the agency has so far received more than 150 absentee ballot requests since Aug. 23. The names of those asking for absentee ballots may be seen on the agency's website, [www.votecnmi.gov.mp](http://www.votecnmi.gov.mp), which is updated every week.

Absentee voters have until

Oct. 12 to send in their requests to the commission. This is pursuant to the election law, which allows the commission to receive the requests 25 days before election day. Absentee voters may download the request form from the agency's website.

In previous elections, the commission received approximately 1,500 absentee ballot requests. With a few more weeks before the Oct. 12 deadline, Guerrero expects to get the same number of requests this year.

He said they target to mail out the absentee ballots on Sept. 20-25. He pointed out that only those who made the request will receive the absentee ballots.

Every election, the commission generates new list of requests for absentee votes.

Guerrero also said yesterday that CEC has just completed the translation for the legislative initiatives for this year's election. Printing of the educational materials is being finalized in time for dissemination in the middle of this month.

The commission is collaborating with the Northern Marianas College in printing the public education materials on House Legislative Initiative 17-2, which will make the attorney general an elected position; Senate Legislative Initiative 17-12, which seeks to allow the Northern Marianas College's Board of Regents to

revise NMC's mission statement; and House Legislative Initiative 17-5, which will allow the government to float a bond.

Guerrero said the agency will print 17,500 ballots for the upcoming midterm election and has set aside \$79,000 for the whole election exercise.

Saipan Tribune learned that the \$79,000 will come from two fiscal years appropriation for the commission: from 2012 (\$28,395) and from 2013 (\$50,651).

With its limited budget this fiscal year, Guerrero said they managed to "squeeze" the funds they have and are confident it will sustain their needs for the election.

## Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Sept. 7, 2000

### NMC sued for illegal termination

A former employee of the Northern Marianas College has sued NMC for alleged illegal termination of her contract after she provided the House of Representatives a copy of the cost-cutting plan of the college during an oversight hearing in 1999. An employee of NMC since July 1987, Malinda S. Matson has held several positions at the college where she first worked as director of Library Services and most recently as acting radio station manager until her termination. In a civil suit filed before the Superior Court through her lawyer Richard W. Pierce, Ms. Matson is seeking reinstatement to a position for which she is qualified at NMC. She is also seeking monetary damages including the loss of salary and the value of benefits denied to her.

### Gov't earmarks \$250K for Kagman school

The government has granted the Public School System a quarter of a million dollars in additional resources to operate the new Kagman Elementary School which opened its doors to close to 800 students Tuesday. Education Commissioner Rita H. Inos expressed gratitude to Governor Pedro P. Tenorio and the Office of Management and Budget for their swift response to the school system's pressing needs. "Your rapid reaction to the needs of the new school provides us with a great deal of hope for fiscal year 2001 and we will be staffing the new school as if funds will also be provided for the teachers and staff for the fiscal years that begins shortly," Inos wrote Tenorio.

Sept. 7, 2001

### US mortgage insurance remains elusive

Efforts by the U.S. Housing and Urban Development to block the CNMI's access to a federal mortgage insurance program is hampering the Commonwealth's effort to provide more opportunities for CNMI residents to avail of affordable financing for their dream homes. Rep. William Torres said that efforts by his office and the Northern Marianas Housing Corp. to convince the U.S. Housing and Urban Development to extend the Federal Home Administration mortgage insurance program into the CNMI has failed so far. Apparently, HUD Washington, D.C. felt that, based on a cost-benefits ratio analysis, extending the FHA mortgage insurance program into the Commonwealth would not be worth their while.

### Bill wants stray dogs out of Tinian streets

It will be a dog's life for dogs on Tinian and Aguigan. At least for the stray ones. This comes soon after Rep. Norman S. Palacios filed a bill that would enable the municipal government of Tinian and Aguigan to come up with local rules and regulations for the regulation, licensing, control and disposal of dogs. Palacios said that House Local Bill 12-44, also known as the Tinian and Aguigan Islands Dog Control Act, is primarily a revenue-generating bill that will, at the same time, protect the health of the people and the ecosystem of both islands.

Sept. 7, 2002

### HANMI takes part in environmental efforts

Recognizing that protecting the environment is indispensable to the needs of the tourism industry, the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands said it wants more participation in the efforts of environmental agencies. HANMI chairman Ron Sablan said the group has already appointed representatives who will coordinate with the different agencies to help address environmental concerns. At the same time, Sablan also credited the Babauta administration for recognizing the needed participation of the hotel industry in the government.

### On AG appointment Babauta begs for more time

Fifteen days after Robert T. Torres resigned as Attorney General, the post remains vacant and looks to remain so for another week, after former Washington Rep. Ed Pangelinan indicated that he will not be accepting Gov. Juan N. Babauta's offer to take over the post. The governor himself confirmed that, although he has not received any official communication from Pangelinan, he has received indications that the former resident representative would decline his offer. "I have not seen the letter from Mr. Pangelinan but I had already indicated that, for personal reasons, he would probably not accept the job, which is very, very unfortunate," said Babauta.

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## The Museum of Vitamins and Stuff

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Saipan's time-honored diet of potato chips, canned luncheon meats, and soda pop is as healthy as it is elegant. It provides the most essential nutrients such as salt, sodium nitrite, and sugar. Still, nothing is so good that it can't stand some improvement. For example, I've found that hot dogs are an acceptable substitute for canned meat. A properly prepared wiener will meet the daily requirement for mustard intake, and the pickle relish completely covers the fruit and vegetable angle.

But I hedge my bets by taking vitamins, which gives a slob like me the illusion of dietary diligence. I am, in fact, the curator of the Museum of Vitamins and Stuff.

The Museum of Vitamins and Stuff is housed in a cardboard box. And since I happen to own it, I can give you a free tour.

As I lift the box lid with an appropriate air of prideful flourish, you'll notice an inventory of pills that traces every major nutrition fad that has come along since *Muskrat Love* topped the pop music charts.

I'll start with my most recent acquisition. This is a bottle of turmeric.

I heard about turmeric, which is a spice, on a late night radio show. A guest expert was extolling its benefits. He sounded pretty convincing to me, so by the time the next guest was explaining the recent increase in UFO sightings, I was ordering a bottle of these miracle turmeric pills, which, it is said, can help fend off all manner of ailments.

Before my turmeric acquisition was my vitamin D inventory. This has a little story behind it. I used to know an old-time doctor. He was a pilot and we'd swap flying stories. He told me that a lot of people were getting messed up because they didn't have enough vitamin D. He said that it's normally made by the skin from sunlight exposure, but people spend a lot of time indoors now, which has thrown our evolutionary mechanism a curve ball.

The doc would not let you out of his sight unless you promised to buy vitamin D. All my friends said he must be a crank, but his logic sounded reasonable to me.

Lo and behold, a couple of years later, vitamin D did, indeed, become a big deal, with many a newspaper article extolling its virtues. So I guess the old-time doc was right. Not that I ever doubted him. After all, how can anybody doubt a pilot?

Peering back into my museum, our next exhibit is a bottle of pomegranate extract. A pomegranate is an apple-sized fruit that has a lot of juicy seeds inside. The extract was advertised a lot just before vitamin D became a star. It's pretty expensive, about \$16 a bottle, which is why we don't give free samples here at the Museum of Vitamins and Stuff.

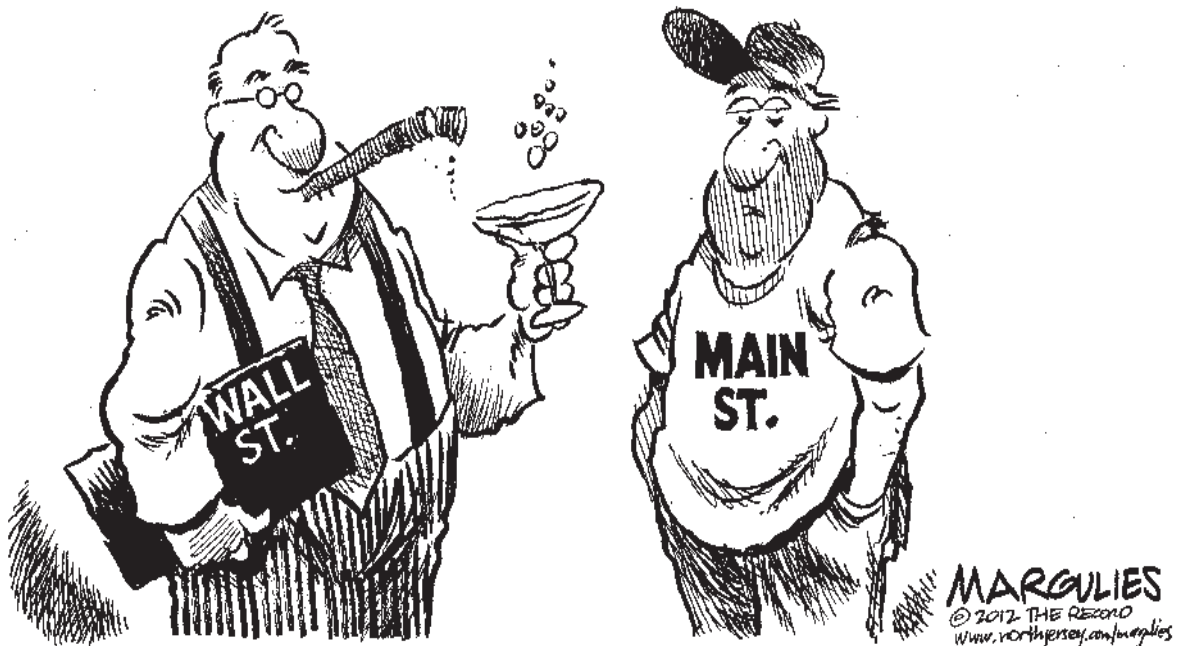
But if you want to talk really expensive, then here's one for you: ginseng. It's not in my museum, but it deserves an honorable mention because it's a big deal in the exotic East.

I've seen Chinese stores that display prize ginseng under glass counters just like expensive jewelry. We're talking about \$3,000 a pound in some cases. It's a root and some of the most valuable specimens come from the U.S., where some guys have made

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## Are you better off now than you were four years ago?

### YES and NO



## Executive fiat in full bloom

We were duped into believing that the emergency takeover of CUC would result in exploratory search for alternative energy sources. The takeover was purportedly aimed at eventually lowering utility rates. It would include work on geothermal and other energy sources.

But this wasn't the case. The net result is a mystery sole-source contract to a now demystified Delaware firm signed by the governor and former AG. The deal involves \$190.8 million diesel-operated power plant touted as a savings. Savings when consumers must eventually pay for it through the nose to the tune of \$590 million over a 25-year period? The "savings" pitch falls flat on its face, doesn't it?

Add current debts and prevailing unbridled deficit spending. Preliminarily, it pans out to about \$982 million or slightly over a billion dollars. You divide that against the local population of 56K. It means that every child, man, and woman would eventually have to pay about \$18K for the next 25 years. This is on top of what you're paying today. Unsettling, isn't it? Would the solution be more fees and taxes against struggling families today?

Didn't the consultant for CUC state that the information he sought to prepare economic analysis was incomplete. Why then the rushed signature when the assessment was incomplete? Must be intended to avoid transparency and procurement laws from A-Z!

### Revenue's gone Deep South

In a listless economy, could we really fork out the money to pay for this contract over the long term? I'm reminded of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, that can't pay its debt service on a \$390 million bond obligation. *California Dreamin'* heads the bankruptcy parade! We're marching right behind the golden state waving a new flag inscribed, "Lifetime Debts!"

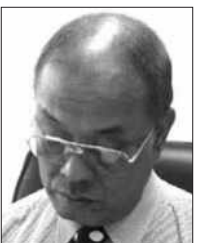
The fiscal calamity and paralysis has triggered severe results here. They include joblessness for some for more than eight years now, chaos in healthcare and Medicaid due to lack of funds; loss of dozens of first family homes as a direct result of joblessness; loss of family purchasing power triggered by austerity or recent loss of jobs; reduction in revenue streams and concurrent loss of revenue due to the exodus of foreign capital. These are serious indicators that glaringly reflect a woefully pessimistic and volatile financial posture for these isles. Why risk piling up more debts against taxpayers drowning with obligations of their own?

Adding salt to injury, the NMI bought out another company's contract here, dovetailing it with the sole-source contract. The acquisition was also dubbed a "savings" thus the decision to buy it out. Utility cost is a major culprit that contributed to the deepening fiscal calamity and paralysis at home. Did utility rates decrease or have they remained the same? What strange prism,

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di ba? And we swallowed another huge bone because the announcement included the word "savings."

Then you have legislators who're convinced that the build-up expense of \$190.08 million would be of "no cost" to the NMI. That statement is blatantly illogical given that it will eventually be turned over to the NMI where consumers must pay some \$590 million over a 25-year period.

So where's the diabolical argument that it would be built at "no cost" to us? Mind boggling that legislators like Joseph Palacios seem to have problems with logical perception as to glaringly ignore what local consumers would eventually pay through the nose. No worries! Consumers would be there to say, "No Mas!" including your career!

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### Taxpayers: The ideal backstop

How convenient it must be to consistently push the mindset that all costs with CUC have a ready clientele—consumers. Obviously, consumers are the ideal backstop for any and all costs associated with the utility agency. Thus, the seeming ruthlessness in the handling of another boilerplate deal for a recently demystified firm with an ex-con as one of its principals.

The gigantic fiscal sinkhole is glaring evidence of how greed, negligence, arrogance, and good old-fashioned corruption have become the new norm rather than the exception. The mysterious \$190-million colossus has hatched maggots that came crawling out of the carpet. Then came its demystification with the lame justification that is as part of a shipyard proposal that isn't going anywhere.

The Legislature can't settle with simple posturing, you know, the vicious local vengeance of "one pay de odda" threat that fizzes in the wind even in calm breezeless days. Trump your cards fairly and see with clear prism what's at issue. The NMI needs leadership, not demagoguery. Please step up to the plate and let's do this right!

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### Effect of more fees and taxes

In their infinite wisdom, legislators recently imposed new taxes

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR****An appeal to make Pagan pozzolan happen**

I read in the local paper that the CNMI government is planning to impose yet another tax to help the CNMI Healthcare Corp. Oh for goodness sake! This is not the time to impose more taxes on our people who are already suffering. Over the last several years, our government has sufficiently demonstrated its inability to operate within its means and to find a way to get us out of our dire financial situation. Our leaders have to change their approach. Stop the taxing mentality and stop the imposition of more government actions that inflict more pain and suffering on our people. It is time to seriously look at what resources we have, and how we can use these means to help the CNMI recover from this economic catastrophe without relying entirely on casino gaming as the panacea for our financial problems.

We all know that the Retirement Fund is bankrupt, the CNMI Healthcare Corp. is broke, and our critical government agencies, including DPS, PSS, NMC, CUC, and other departments and agencies are experiencing serious budgetary shortfalls. Additionally, it is obvious that these agencies and departments are struggling to continue delivering even basic public services. To counter this failure in fiscal responsibility by our leaders, I suggest that our government be more serious in supporting businesses that are able to provide reasonable solutions to our ailing economy.

The CNMI must now be more creative and proactive in its efforts to generate new sources of revenues. An example in point is the Pagan pozzolan. JG Sablan Rock Quarry has a valid mining permit as provided for in Public Law 15-21. In late 2005, JGS found a U.S. investor who was committed to investing \$5 million to get the operation going and in December 2005, JGS came current on all of its fees owed to MPLA. But then in May 2006, the Department of Public Lands declared JGS' permit invalid and the new investor eventually pulled out. The matter has been in the courts ever since.

For certain, the Pagan project was delayed for far too long. But for DPL to pull the plug right after an investor has committed to get the project going, and after buyers for the pozzolan have been secured, is irresponsible and unfair. The administration continues to challenge the law and in doing so continues to prevent a decent and hardworking private sector business from generating desperately needed revenues for the CNMI. The latest episode in this ongoing conflict occurred last week when Judge David Wiseman presided over the case and his decision is forthcoming.

You may ask why is this administration perpetuating this battle of Pagan? It defies logic that our leaders continue to declare states of emergency for which the causes are primarily due to mismanagement and budgetary constraints while at the same time campaign against a legitimate revenue generating activity that could contribute much needed funds to our local coffers.

Almost a year ago, I invited a new U.S. investment group to replace the one that was lost after the permit was cancelled in 2006 to join forces with JGS in the extraction of pozzolan on Pagan. JGS, along with this new U.S. investment group, is ready, willing, and

able to begin extraction and export activity at the soonest opportunity but instead is still waiting for the court to render its decision on the validity of its permit. If this long awaited project gets the green light, JGS plans to hire close to 100 local employees, spend over \$15 million in the initial operations on Pagan, and will assist the Northern Islands community in their resettlement efforts. This project will pay huge amounts to the local treasury in the form of excise taxes, income taxes, government fees, and other regulatory charges. The project will also pay significant amounts for permit fees and royalties to DPL and MPLT. In addition, the pozzolan project will help make the Northern Islands a more active and contributing member of the CNMI political family.

Additionally, if the Pagan project does not proceed under the JGS' permit, it will likely never proceed at all. Part of the permitting process that JGS accomplished was to obtain all of the environmental and other regulatory permits needed. If JGS' permit is ultimately lost, so will all of those other permits. A new investor will have to start the whole permitting process again from scratch and, because of changes in the law related to the environmental impact of such projects, it is highly unlikely that anyone will ever be able to get all of the needed environmental permits ever again.

I encourage our community leaders and policymakers to support JGS' permit for the extraction and export of the Pagan pozzolan. I further suggest that we pass a new law to earmark the revenues generated from the sales of pozzolan to cover specific obligations to include the following:

1. **Retirement Fund:** 20 percent of the revenue to cover government obligations;
2. **Healthcare Corp.:** 20 percent of the revenue for medical referrals and other hospital expenses;
3. **Commonwealth Utilities Corp.:** 20 percent of the revenue to cover PSS and NMC utilities and related expenses;
4. **Scholarship:** 20 percent of the revenue set aside for college scholarships; and,
5. **Northern Islands Municipality:** 20 percent of the remaining revenue should be allocated to the Northern Islands Municipality to cover costs of the Northern Islands resettlement plans.

We have the opportunity to dig ourselves out of debt but we need leaders with vision, not empty promises. JGS is ready to begin its pozzolan extraction project now and deserves more support from this administration rather than all the stonewalling it has received since this current leadership got into office. We cannot continue to suffer while our leaders think about imposing more taxes on our people. Further, we cannot allow DPL to unilaterally kill this revenue-generating project while the administration continues to declare more states of emergency.

I appeal to our government to dismiss and settle the ongoing challenge to P.L. 15-21 and to allow JGS to proceed with its pozzolan project. This project, as noted, offers the people of the Commonwealth a new source of revenue that will help offset the costs of vital

public services. For the government to continue its legal challenge on JGS' permit will only prevent the people of the Commonwealth from realizing these additional sources of revenues. If this case is not settled and in the current litigious environment, the Pagan pozzolan project will be drowned in litigation for another two to three years. Further, as noted earlier, if JGS' permit dies in the courts now, no new permittee will be allowed to extract any amount of pozzolan from Pagan until all environmental and other regulatory permits are secured anew. Recent amendments to the federal Endangered Species Act, Clean Air & Water Act, Coral Reef Initiatives, and other related federal environmental laws and regulations will make it far more restrictive and prohibitive than in years past, thus making it more difficult for anyone to secure any new permits. Even if a new business were to take this Pagan project over now, it would have to start over from scratch, which means it would take about another three to four more years to get through the basic federal regulatory process with little or no guarantee of its success in addressing all the new requirements.

JGS has already secured all the necessary environmental and regulatory permits and is ready to proceed with the pozzolan project. All it needs now is for the government to dismiss the ongoing challenge regarding the constitutionality of P.L. 15-21 and for the administration to give its full support to the project. As stated before, if the government does this, the project will create tremendous job opportunities for the local people, expand local revenue base through increased taxes and royalties, support our export industry, and assist the Northern Islands Municipality in making their resettlement plans more safe and sustainable. Additionally, this action will make the CNMI's northern frontier a more active and participating member of the CNMI political family, and will assist the CNMI government in providing much needed help to the community.

In closing, I want to reach out to our elected leaders and ask that they unite in their efforts to find solutions to address critical issues facing the CNMI, and to ask them to revisit the very purpose for having a government in the first place. In this spirit, we must put the highest priority on our public health, public safety, and in the delivery of quality education of our young citizens. We must allow JGS to move forward with the pozzolan project so that the proceeds can be used to assist in offsetting the financial hardship that is plaguing the CNMI.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to share my thoughts on this important matter. I hope our leaders do not read this as just another political statement but as a recommendation from a concerned citizen on an alternative approach. I merely wish to remind us all of our valuable resource that remains untapped that could be part of the solution to addressing our economic woes. So please let us join hands and make it happen!

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**MUSEUM**

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fortunes digging it up or cultivating it.

OK, let's get back to the museum, where the next exhibit is fish oil. I didn't even know that fish had oil. Talk about a biological mystery. Anyway, the pills themselves are liquid-filled capsules that are sort of squishy. I wonder if they'd make good bait. Has anybody tried that?

And now for the prehistoric wing of the museum. Please, folks, no photographs; the parchment is sensitive to camera flashes. As your eyes adjust to the darkness, we hearken back to the days of manual typewriters and vinyl phonograph records. And that's when vitamin E was the fad. It was supposed to guard against aging.

Everybody in college was gobbling these pills by the handful as a ticket to eternal youth. But nobody much talks about it nowadays, so the bloom is off the flower, or at least off some of the people.

The last exhibit is the big daddy of the vitamin world: vitamin C. When I was a kid this was the first and last word in keeping healthy. If anyone within a 40-foot radius of you sneezed, you'd immediately eat 500 milligrams of vitamin C. You could buy it in little rolls, just like candy and mints. Thus packaged, stores displayed it next to the potato chips at the checkout counters. Coincidence? I think not. Good nutrition leaves nothing to chance.

And thus concludes our tour. You may now see the egress. As for me, it's time for a soda pop and some chips; all this health stuff makes me hungry.

**EXECUTIVE**

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versus private industries and fees against hotels. It was a thoughtless shotgun law where the last of small and midsized businesses are forced to shoulder what lawmakers can't craft with due diligence on new sources of revenue. They just passed the buck to businesses and consumers, saying, "Sink or swim!"

Both laws lack the long thoughtful process on such issues as: Would not the new tax force businesses to automatically pass any additional costs right into the hands of consumers already

victimized by the economic meltdown today? Would not this half-cocked law push prices upward beyond the reach of depression-hit consumers?

The fee imposed against the hotel industry is another half-baked law. Who bears the cost of this fee? Is it the hotels that must find ways to make up for the added cost, including firing some employees? If it passes the cost to incoming tourists, would our visitors still come when they have to pay for airfare, hotel rooms, ground transportation, food, and landing fees when visiting Mañagaha? Aren't we pricing ourselves out of a fragile market?

At the consumers level, I've heard a lot of matriarchs fuming

mad at the new increases in the price of canned goods and other basic commodities. The new increase in goods instantly landed in the hands of consumers. This, while the family pocketbooks have suffered reduction in income or stayed stagnant all these years. Is it your infinite wisdom to place another layer of hardship against consumers?

Now, with the new increases in basic goods against the reduction of the purchasing powers of families, would they really brave spending? When consumers withhold spending, groceries and other stores would see profit margins shrink. Would the projected tax be paid when business volumes drop severely? Would not the new increase in taxes exact the complete opposite?




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## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian


TODAY



Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds around 10 mph.

▲87° ▼78°


SATURDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds around 10 mph.

▲87 ° ▼78°


SUNDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲87° ▼78°


MONDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲87° ▼78°

TUESDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲87° ▼78°

### Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	▲85 ▼78
Palau	Showers	▲84 ▼75
Yap	Showers	▲89 ▼77
Chuuk	Showers	▲86 ▼78
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲88 ▼75
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲88 ▼75
Majuro	Mostly Sunny	▲87 ▼80

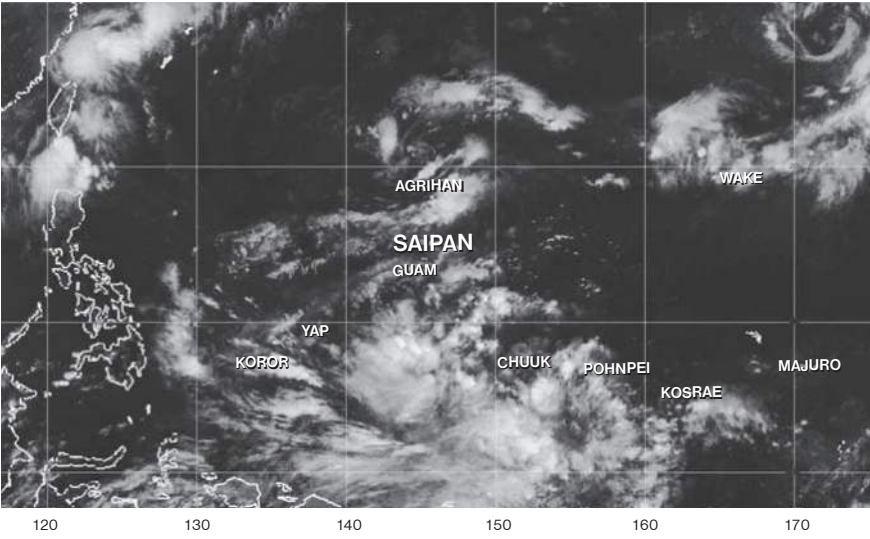
### Around The Globe

Auckland	Sunny	▲65 ▼55
Beijing	Thundershowers	▲81 ▼66
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲88 ▼81
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲86 ▼73
London	Sunny	▲75 ▼55
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲84 ▼65
Manila	Thundershowers	▲88 ▼78
Melbourne	Showers	▲61 ▼46
Miami	Thundershowers	▲88 ▼76
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲86 ▼70
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲90 ▼75
Paris	Sunny	▲77 ▼53
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲80 ▼69
Rome	Sunny	▲85 ▼68
Salem	Sunny	▲89 ▼57
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲68 ▼54
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲82 ▼67
Tokyo	Thundershowers	▲87 ▼75
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲92 ▼74

### Tides

Saipan Harbor			
7:04 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
1:43 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.5 Feet
7:07 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.1 Feet

### Yesterday's Satellite Image



### PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2012

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A trough north of the Mariana Islands runs eastward from 21N144E through a weak circulation at 23N170E then curves northeastward to beyond 25N173E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are within 100 miles of a line from 21N143E to 24N147E to 23N153E and within 200 miles of a line from 22N160E to 20N172E to 25N177E. An unstable airmass is over the Mariana Islands with a few areas of scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms between 10N and 20N from 140E to 150E. A monsoon trough extends southeastward from 13N130E across Yap state through a weak circulation near 5N146E then eastward to end near 2N161E. Widely scattered showers and a few thunderstorms near Koror are within 150 miles of a line from 10N130E to 4N137E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are in an area southeast of Yap and south of Chuuk and Pohnpei or to the south of a line from 8N140E to 10N150E to 4N162E. Trade-wind convergence is triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms southeast of Kosrae within 100 miles of a line from 3N164E to 3N169E.

### Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:05 AM	6:25 PM
Saturday	6:05 AM	6:24 PM
Sunday	6:05 AM	6:23 PM
Monday	6:05 AM	6:22 PM
Tuesday	6:05 AM	6:22 PM

### Moonrise/Moonset

Today	10:56 PM	11:18 AM
Saturday	11:43 PM	12:08 PM
Sunday		12:57 PM
Monday	12:33 AM	1:45 PM
Tuesday	12:33 AM	1:45 PM

Note: Blank spaces indicate that a rising or a setting did not occur during that 24-hour interval.

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SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA5070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 4, 6, 7	UA5062	2:40am	4:15am	1, 3, 5 via ROP
UA5062	4:50am	5:40am	1, 3, 5	UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	Daily	UA5071	7:10am	8:00am	Daily
UA5074	11:30am	12:20pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA5073	10:05am	10:55am	Daily
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily	UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5078	6:50pm	7:40pm	Daily	UA5077	5:25pm	6:15pm	Daily
UA5072	9:55pm	10:45pm	Daily	UA5079	8:35pm	9:25pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily	DL286	7:40pm	12:15am +1	2, 4, 6, 7
DL285	6:30am	9:15am	1, 3, 5, 7	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:20pm	Daily	DL288	8:15pm	12:50am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)				OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN			
0Z606/120	2:20am	8:50pm	1 via ICN	0Z119/606	9:30am	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
0Z606/120	2:50am	8:50pm	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	0Z119/606	9:30am	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
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UA5070/191	4:35am	9:55am	3, 6 via GUM	UA190/5079	10:55am	9:25pm	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:00pm	Daily via NRT	0Z702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:45pm	Daily via GUM	0Z702/605	12:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA5076/193	3:10pm	10:25pm	2, 5 via GUM-Palau	PR110/UA5071	10:10pm	8:00am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
0Z604/703	3:30pm	10:40pm	Daily via ICN	UA192/5071	9:45pm	8:00am+1	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
<b>Guam-Rota</b>				FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
<b>Rota-Saipan</b>				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
<b>Guam-Rota</b>				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
<b>Rota-Saipan</b>							
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	<b>Tinian-Saipan</b>			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
<b>Saipan-Rota</b>				FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
<b>Rota-Guam</b>				FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 200	10:20	10:45	Daily	FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
<b>Saipan-Rota</b>				FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
<b>Rota-Guam</b>				FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
<b>Saipan-Tinian</b>				FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily				
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily				
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily				



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# Three-ring sideshow

By **JIM RAYPHAND**

Special to the Saipan Tribune

*Jim Rayphand is executive director of the Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems, Inc., or NMPASI.*



Our lieutenant governor aptly took a neutral position on the matter of impeachment saying “it’s a process” and a very serious one no less. Undoubtedly he, more than anyone, should hold the line of objectivity amidst old acts being torn down, so the same old acts can be set back up. It’s a tight rope to tread between impeachment and, the more likely outcome, that our House of cards will crumble on indecision, divisiveness, or outright dereliction. On the one hand, he steps to the center ring (sans hyperbole, I’d hope) and, on the other, he negotiates the high wire without a net—either way the show must go on.

The same is not true for members of the Legislature. “The process” is their part in this, ‘*The Greatest Show*’ in the CNMI. Their role is not to take cues from other acts, but rather to charge through the rings of fire with each of them coming out on one side or the other—to impeach or not to impeach (?), that is the question. Anything short of a straight answer at this point is a dereliction of duty. Beyond that, any position based on anything other than facts and law is shameful demagoguery, if not cowardice. Stop playing to the whims of the fickle masses and take an informed stance—that goes for representatives on both sides of the impeachment issue. There is an elephant, a donkey, and numerous other livestock in the middle of the room—people are not turning a blind eye or walking on peanut shells past it.

And then, there’s the Judicial branch—perhaps, as a friend of mine points out, our last great hope for restoring order. It certainly feels a bit counterintuitive to speak of a bunch of lawyers as such, but he does have a point. I mean, putting aside the questionable ethics in a handful of them, lawyers are among the most well-educated people among us—a law degree, the bar exam, and good practice don’t come easy. The court system, in general, is our greatest deterrent (the last defense, if you will). Should cooler heads prevail, it will most likely be from the bench. That’s not to say that lawyers should get involved in these particular proceedings; in fact, I would hate to see this matter go to court—impeachment is a big fish, but the Judiciary has bigger ones to fry. Also, wouldn’t it be nice if our legislative branch could serve up its own dish every once in a while?

On circuses of a different kind, I got to reading some historical accounts of “freak shows” (as they were called) wherein people with disabilities and other types of abnormal physical conditions were put on display purely as curiosities. Coincidentally, it got me thinking about the blame game in politics—when things go wrong, do we blame the elected officials or do we blame the voters for electing the officials? Similarly, should we blame the circus owners for the sideshows or the people who paid to go see them? But, I digress.

Apparently, circus sideshows became a kind of studying ground for eugenicists who “were interested in various human disabilities, which they thought would give evidence to support theories of inherited characteristics...eugenicists interpreted [people with] disabilities as examples of degenerate heredity. They thought such people should be sterilized or prevented from [procreating].” So, among other things, “the practices engaged in by eugenicists involved violations of the right to life, the right to found a family, and the right to freedom from discrimination.”

Advocates at the Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems, Inc. (NMPASI) hold firmly in the belief that people with dis-

abilities (like anybody else) have an absolute, inalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

If ever there was evidence to support theories of inherited characteristics and examples of degenerative heredity, it’s in the three-ring sideshow that is politics/government and the various acts serving only to amuse and to provide relief around the main attraction that is life and the people who live and die in it.

For more on the rights of people with disabilities, please contact the NMPASI Office at (670) 235-7273/4 [tel.] / 235-7275 [fax] / 235-7278 [tty] or stop by our office on Middle Road just north of the Guala Rai intersection.



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## Council accepting noms for Humanities Awards

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council is now accepting nominations for the 2012 Governor's Humanities Awards.

This event, held annually in October as a part of CNMI Humanities Month, recognizes outstanding contributions to the humanities by individuals and organizations in the community.

Nominees should have a notable humanities achievement in the past year, as demonstrated in any of the following categories: Research and Publication in the Humanities; Preservation of Traditional Cultural Practices; Preservation of CNMI History; and Outstanding Humanities Teacher (in both classroom and non-classroom settings).

A fifth category, Lifetime Achievement, recognizes significant contributions to the humanities over multiple decades. This award may be given posthumously.

The 2011 awardees included Angelina Yobech, Outstanding Humanities Teacher; the late Joaquin I. Norita, Preservation of Traditional Cultural Practices; Dr. Jennifer McKinnon, Preservation of CNMI History; and the Northern Marianas Judiciary Historical Society, Research and Publication in the Humanities. No Lifetime Achievement award was made in 2011.

Nomination forms and instructions are available at the Council's office in the Springs Plaza Building, Gualo Rai, or on the council website at [www.nmihumanities.org](http://www.nmihumanities.org).

Nominations may be made by any member of the public and are due no later than 4:30pm on Oct. 10.

Awards will be presented during a special ceremony to be held on Oct. 26.

For more information, contact council staff at 235-4785. **(PR)**

## Memorial park calendar

The following are the September schedule of events at the American Memorial Park:

■ Sept. 7: First Friday Film, 6:30pm, End of the Line

■ Sept. 19, Wednesday: International Talk Like a Pirate celebration, 5pm

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# Cepeda siblings obtain national recognitions

By **MONETH G. DEPOSA**  
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REPORTER

Two Commonwealth students recently obtained national recognitions for academic excellence and commitment to their studies.

Vincent Cepeda was admitted to the National Society of High School Scholars while his sister, Princess Theresa Cepeda, was nominated to attend the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine by the U.S. White House Doctor.

The two are the children of Martin and Sharlene Cepeda. Their oldest brother, Martin Cepeda Jr., is also an active member of the prestigious National Honors of High School Scholars.

Vincent Cepeda, 15, is currently a junior at Centennial High School in Las Cruces, New Mexico with Honors classes in English and Trigonometry. The student is also a member of the school's football varsity team.

Vincent's inclusion in the scholars' society was announced by the organization's scholarship director, Susan Thurman, PhD.

"Congratulations! Based on your outstanding academic achievement at Las Cruces High School, you have been selected for membership in the National Society of High School Scholars. Your hard work has placed you among a select group of students and has earned you this invitation to join other outstanding high school scholars in recognition of dedication to excellence," stated Thurman's letter to Vincent.

Membership in the society provides a variety of opportu-



Vincent Cepeda



Princess Cepeda

nities and resources, including access to scholarships, leadership development programs, service activities, and exclusive discounts.

Cepeda's sister, Princess Theresa, is currently a freshman at Centennial High School in Las Cruces, New Mexico with Honors classes in English and Geometry.

Princess was nominated to attend the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine to be held in summer 2013.

In a letter to Princess' parents, White House physician Dr. Connie Mariano bared that the qualifications required to attend the forum on medicine are strict and they seek only the highest-achieving students in the nation through direct nomination by teachers and through partnerships with educational organizations such as the National Research Center for College and University Admissions.

Dr. Mariano said that they became aware of Princess through NRCCUA.

As a retired U.S. Navy and a practicing physician for close to 30 years and the first military woman in American history to be appointed the White House physician who served three sitting U.S. presidents, Dr. Mariano said she is a strong believer in the opportunities offered by

this challenging medicine program.

"For your daughter, the Forum on Medicine could very well serve as a pivotal experience. Princess will participate in a program reserved only for the highest-achieving students in the U.S. with an interest in and an aptitude for a career in medicine," added Mariano.

The National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine is an educational opportunity that provides early training and guidance critical to the academic and career advancement of aspiring medical professionals.



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## FIESTA DONATION

Representatives of Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan turn over a donation of school supplies worth \$200 to Rose Smith, left, of the non-profit organization Empty Vessel Mission. EVM and its volunteers are doing school supplies fundraising to donate to the students of San Antonio Elementary School.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Puerto Rico Dump Closure – Phase I, Consensus Building;

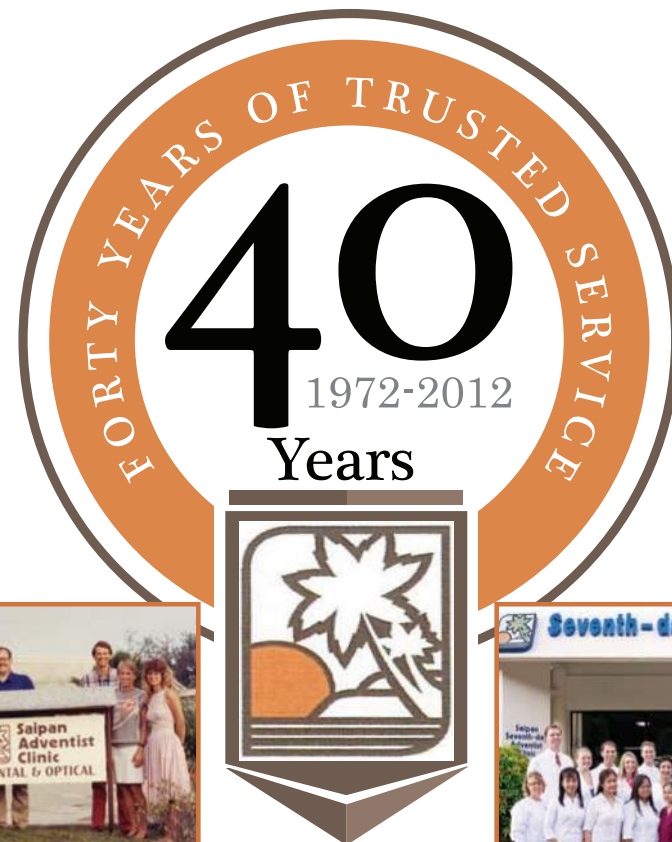
The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands through the Capitol Improvement Project Office (CIP) is currently considering several ideas and design concepts for the closure of the Puerto Rico Dump (PRD), the subsequent use and development of the site and adjacent area in accordance with regulatory requirements.

A preliminary report evaluating these concepts has been prepared. The report was developed in close coordination with interested stakeholders, and local and federal regulatory agencies. The PRD closure concepts range in scope, public benefit, aesthetic value, and cost. The concepts are briefly described as follows:

1. Minor modifications to the existing site to minimize closure costs, and environmental impacts.
2. Incinerating a portion of the waste on-site.
3. Removal of the waste (Clean closing) to the Marpi Depression Solid Waste Facility.
4. Reducing the height of the dump site by moving a portion of the waste to Marpi, capping and closing the dump site, and enhancing the property to serve as a park area that would provide pedestrian walkways, and recreation areas.
5. Further enhancing the site by providing waterfront / marine facilities.

The CIP Office would like to provide the interested public an opportunity to review the preliminary report and proposed closure plans in detail, and to provide their written comments to the CIP Office Administrator, Ms. Virginia Villagomez. The report and concept plans are available for review at the CIP Office in Capitol Hill during normal working hours beginning on August 27th and will remain available for comment through September 21st, 2012. After September 21, written comments received will be taken into consideration in selecting the final closure program.

The preliminary report can be reviewed at the CIP Office located in Capitol Hill, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building first floor. Contact number is 664-2375. Written comments can be submitted to Mr. James R. Stump, CIP contracting Officer, Capitol Hill, Office of the Governor, CNMI.



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# Business

## Survey finds US competitive ranking down again

LONDON (AP)—The United States' ability to compete on the global stage has fallen for the fourth year running as confidence in the country's politicians continues to decline, an annual survey from the World Economic Forum found Wednesday.

Even though the world's largest economy saw its overall competitiveness rise on the back of its status as a global innovation powerhouse, the Forum says the U.S.'s ranking has dropped two places to seventh this year. The Netherlands and Germany have moved ahead of the U.S. on the top 10 leaderboard.

The report found that some aspects of the U.S.'s politi-

cal environment continue to raise concern among business leaders, "particularly the low public trust in politicians and a perceived lack of government efficiency."

The Forum—which also hosts an annual gathering of global business and political leaders in the Swiss ski resort of Davos every January—ranks a country's competitiveness according to factors such as the state of its infrastructure and its ability to foster innovation.

The survey comes just a day before President Barack Obama addresses the Democratic National Convention in his bid to defeat Republican candidate Mitt Romney in November's election.

A little over a year ago, the United States lost its triple A credit rating from Standard & Poor's after a stand-off between Republicans and Democrats over the raising of the debt ceiling stoked fears of a potential debt default.

"We urge governments to act decisively by adopting long-term measures to enhance competitiveness and return the world to a sustainable growth path," said Klaus Schwab, founder and executive chairman of the World Economic Forum.

Switzerland tops the overall rankings of 144 economies in the Global Competitiveness Report 2012-13 for the fourth consecutive year, followed by Singapore.

## US productivity grew at 2.2 pct. rate in spring

WASHINGTON (AP)—U.S. companies got more output from their workers this spring than initially thought. Productiv-

ity rose at a modest 2.2 percent annual rate in the April-June quarter, largely because employers cut back sharply on hiring.

Most economists expect productivity will slow later this year, a trend that could boost hiring.

The Labor Department said Wednesday that productivity in the second quarter was better than its initial estimate of a 1.6 percent gain.

The main reason for the increase was the government revised growth in the second quarter to an annual rate of 1.7 percent, up from an initial estimate of 1.5 percent.

That led to more output, which boosted productivity. Productivity is the amount of output per hour worked.



AP  
In this Wednesday, April 4, 2012, photo, an auto worker at the Ford Stamping Plant inspects the inner door panel in Chicago Heights, Ill. U.S. companies got more output from their workers this spring than initially thought.

## Ben & Jerry's sues over X-rated 'Ben & Cherry's'

NEW YORK (AP)—Ben & Jerry's sued the maker of "Ben & Cherry's" X-rated DVDs Wednesday, saying the "hardcore pornographic" films have smeared the ice cream maker's reputation.

The trademark lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Manhattan said the sale of hardcore and exploitive pornographic DVDs and related goods is tarnishing Ben & Jerry's Homemade Inc.'s name by creating an association with pornography. It said the claims arise from the distribution and sale of a series of DVDs containing "exploitative, hardcore pornographic films" featuring titles and themes

based on "well-known and iconic" Ben & Jerry's ice cream flavors as well as packaging that contains key company features such as a grazing cow, green grass and large white puffy clouds.

The lawsuit by the Vermont-based company said the films would likely cause "confusion, mistake or deception" regarding the company's trademarks. It identified some of the X-rated names similar to its own as "Boston Cream Thigh," "New York Fat & Chunky" and "Peanut Butter D-Cup." Ben & Jerry's has ice cream flavors titled: "Boston Cream Pie," "New York Super Fudge Chunk" and "Peanut Butter Cup."

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# Nation

## Bill Clinton boosts Obama in a rousing convention speech

**CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP)**—In an impassioned speech that rocked the Democratic National Convention, former President Bill Clinton proclaimed Wednesday night, “I know we’re coming back” from the worst economic mess in generations and appealed to hard-pressed Americans to stick with Barack Obama for a second term in the White House.

Obama strode onstage as Clinton concluded his speech. The 42nd president bowed, and was pulled into an embrace by the 44th as thousands of delegates jammed into the convention hall roared their approval.

Not long afterward, the delegates formally awarded Obama their nomination to a second term in a post-midnight roll call of the states.

Clinton, conceding that many struggling in a slow-recovery economy don’t yet feel improvement, said circumstances are indeed getting better, “and if you’ll renew the president’s

contract you will feel it.”

To more cheers, he said of Obama, “I want to nominate a man who is cool on the outside but who burns for America on the inside.”

Clinton spoke as Obama’s high command worked to control the political fallout from an embarrassing retreat on the party platform, just two months from Election Day in the tight race with Republican challenger Mitt Romney.

Under criticism from Romney, the Obama camp abruptly rewrote the day-old document to insert a reference to God and to declare that Jerusalem “is and will remain the capital of Israel.” Some delegates objected loudly, but Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, presiding in the largely-empty hall, ruled them outvoted. White House aides said Obama had personally ordered the changes, but they did not disclose whether he had approved the earlier version.

The convention concludes Thursday with Obama’s acceptance speech before a prime-time national TV audience. Aides announced he would speak in the convention hall rather than a nearby 74,000-seat football stadium as originally planned.



### ACROSS THE NATION

#### Reported theft of Romney tax records being probed

**FRANKLIN, Tenn. (AP)**—The Secret Service said Wednesday it is investigating the reported theft of copies of Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney’s federal tax records during a break-in at an accounting office in Franklin. Someone claiming responsibility demanded \$1 million not to make them public. An anonymous letter sent to Romney’s accounting firm and political offices in Tennessee and published online sought \$1 million in hard-to-trace Internet currency to prevent the disclosure of his tax filings, which have emerged as a key focus during the 2012 presidential race. Romney released his 2010 tax returns and a 2011 estimate in January, but he has refused to disclose his returns from earlier years.

#### Judge OKs contentious part of Ariz. immigration law

**PHOENIX (AP)**—A federal judge ruled Wednesday that Arizona authorities can enforce the most contentious section of the state’s immigration law, which critics have dubbed the “show me your papers” provision. The ruling by U.S. District Judge Susan Bolton clears the way for police to carry out the 2010 law’s requirement that officers, while enforcing other laws, question the immigration status of those they suspect are in the country illegally. The requirement has been at the center of a two-year legal battle that culminated in a U.S. Supreme Court decision in June upholding the requirement.



#### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

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#### Request for Proposal RFP12-GOV-108

#### ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE TINIAN HEALTH CENTER, SAN JOSE, TINIAN MP

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Capital Improvement Office, is soliciting sealed proposals for the Architectural and Engineering Design Services for the BUILDING ASSESSMENT of the Tinian Health Center, San Jose Village, Tinian MP, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This project is funded by the Department of Interior. The Local Business Preference as amended by Public Law 15-95 and further amended by Public Law 15-118, is not available to local proposers because its use is prohibited by the Federal Law granting the funds for this project.

This project is made in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations dated May 24, 2001. Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 4-102 of the Regulations.

Prior to being awarded a design contract, the firm or company must have obtained a valid Certificate of Authorization (COA) from the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Board of Professional Licensing.

The Scope of Work (SOW) will be available on Wednesday, August 29, 2012 at the Capital Improvement Office, Office of the Governor. No fee is required in obtaining this proposal package. A Pre-Proposal Meeting is scheduled on 10:00 a.m. at the Governor’s Office, Capitol Hill, Saipan on Wednesday, September 12, 2012. The project completion time for this project is 45 calendar days. Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia, P.E., CIP Project Manager at fax no. 670-664-2408 or via email at balajadielizabeth@hotmail.com no later than Wednesday, September 19, 2012, 4:30 p.m., local time.

Proposals shall not exceed twenty five (25) pages. Note that a firm or company that submits as a prime consultant cannot submit as a sub-consultant on another proposal. However, sub-consultants maybe included in multiple proposals by different consultants.

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Qualification and Experience on similar projects – (25%)
2. Project Approach – (25%)
3. Work load and resources to accomplish the work in the required time frame – (25%)
4. Past performance with the CNMI Government on similar projects – (25%)

Proposals must be sealed and marked by September 26, 2012. For proposals within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than September 26, 2012. Proposals located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitted an Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to submit proposal must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 4:30 p.m. on September 26, 2012 local time, and maybe submitted via facsimile to (670)664-1515, or via email to procurement@pticom.com. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of the sealed proposals must be marked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal services of the foreign country no later than September 26, 2012 AND must be received no later than October 2, 2012. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

Discussion shall be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the contract requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required.

A contract shall be negotiated with the highest qualified architect/engineer firm or company at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms maybe selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon.

The successful proposer(s) will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement and Supply Regulations Section 3-301.

All responses to this RFP shall take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer(s) awarded a contract for this project, including excise tax.

The government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any Proposal in the best interest of the Government. All Proposals shall become the property of the Government.

/s/ ELOY S. INOS, Lieutenant Governor  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director  
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# Asia

## PH’s oldest WWII veteran dies

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—The Philippines said Wednesday its oldest World War II veteran, who escaped from Japanese troops before the infamous Bataan Death March and became a guerrilla fighter, has died at age 111.

Alfonso Fabros died Aug. 9 in northern Nueva Ecija province, said Jet Rivera, spokeswoman for the Philippine Veterans’ Affairs Office.

Fabros’ daughter, Ella Gandalera, said her father, a farm-

er after the war, died of pneumonia.

Fabros was a private in the U.S. Armed Forces in the Far East in December 1942 when Japan invaded the Philippines, which was then a U.S. colony. He fought on the front lines during a three-month Japanese siege and blockade of Bataan province west of Manila, but escaped before the U.S.-led forces surrendered in April 1942.

Gandalera said her father told stories of how he and

his comrades would “squeeze their shirts to drink their sweat because of a lack of water and eat whatever leaves they could find” during the siege.

The Japanese forced about 75,000 American and Filipino soldiers who surrendered to hike about 100 kilometers (63 miles) to a POW camp in the brutal Bataan Death March. Thousands died along the way and thousands more in the concentration camp in northern Tarlac province’s Capas township.

Fabros joined guerrillas in Central Luzon, attacking Japanese troops until the end of the war in 1945. He was a rice farmer until the early 1970s.

Gandalera said she met three of her father’s fellow veterans, including one who was 95, during ceremonies at Capas National Shrine in April when her father was given a plaque from the veterans’ affairs office recognizing “his wartime



Fabros

service and honorable performance of duties.”

Fabros’ funeral was without fanfare and with no military honors. Except for a flag draped

over his coffin, there was no indication he was a veteran, much less the country’s oldest, Gandalera said.

Rivera said veterans’ ad-

ministrator Ernesto Carolina offered full military honors for the funeral but that it was too late because Fabros had already been buried.

## Criminal complaints filed vs Filipino rebels

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—Police are seeking murder and kidnapping charges against members of a Muslim rebel faction for a rampage that killed dozens of combatants and forced thousands of villagers to flee in the southern Philippines last month, officials said Wednesday.

Police forwarded criminal complaints to prosecutors in southern Maguindanao province this week against Ameril Umbra Kato, a hardline Muslim rebel leader with alleged links to key Asian terror suspects, and at least 113 other commanders and fighters of the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Movement, national police investigation chief Director Samuel Pagdilao said.

Kato’s forces broke off last year from the larger Moro Islamic Liberation Front, which has been engaged in peace talks with the government for years.

Kato opposes the Malaysian-brokered negotiations, arguing that the talks have gone nowhere. He has vowed to continue a bloody rebellion for a separate homeland for minority Muslims in the south of the predominantly Roman Catholic Philippines.

Abu Misri Mammah, a spokesman for Kato’s forces, said the criminal raps would not scare his group from abandoning the rebellion and warned government forces from attempting to make arrests. “You don’t have to bring the warrants of arrest. We don’t recognize that,” Mammah said in a telephone interview. “Bring your guns because you’ll be welcomed by the nozzles of our weapons.”

After breaking off from the Moro group, Kato’s forces initially kept a low profile in their mountain encampments of Maguindanao, a violent region about 900 kilometers (560 miles) south

of Manila, and he had a stroke in November, throwing uncertainty over his group.

However, on Aug. 5, about 200 armed fighters from Kato’s groups launched rifle, grenade and mortar attacks against more than a dozen army camps and outposts along a key highway in Maguindanao and in nearby North Cotabato province, killing six soldiers, a police officer and at least two civilians.

A weeks-long army offensive that followed killed about 50 of Kato’s fighters and led to the capture of his main encampment and smaller strongholds in Maguindanao before sporadic fighting subsided, according to the military.

During last month’s attacks, Kato’s forces looted farming villages, burned houses and briefly held villagers hostage to keep advancing troops away, officials said.

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

In Re The Matter Of  
The Petition To  
Appoint General  
Guardianship For:  
  
**D.K.I.  
(d.o.b. 05/15/2005)**  
Minor Child

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CIVIL ACTION  
NO. 11-0420  
  
**NOTICE OF  
HEARING**

By:  
RIDEN FIDEN AND  
ROSLINA FIDEN  
Petitioners

Notice is hereby given that the  
above-entitled matter is set for a hearing  
on October 04, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. in  
Courtroom 205A, before Associate Judge  
Kenneth L. Govendo.  
  
Dated this 5th day of September,  
2012.  
  
BERNADITA SABLAN  
Clerk of Court  
  
/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT  
OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF  
THE NORTHERN MARIANAS  
ISLANDS**

CIVIL CASE NO. 12-0186

**LAW OFFICES OF  
S. JOSHUA BERGER,**  
Plaintiff,  
  
**vs.**  
  
**RICKY P. CUSTODIO,**  
Defendant.

SUMMONS  
(For THEFT)

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED  
DEFENDANT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED  
and notified to file with the  
Superior Court any Answer you  
wish to make to the Complaint in  
this matter, a copy of which may  
be obtained at the law office  
below or the Superior Court,  
within **twenty-one (21) days  
after the fourth publication**  
of this Summons, and to deliver or  
mail a copy of your Answer to the  
Law Offices of S. Joshua Berger  
whose address is Second Floor, D'  
Torres Building, Garapan, P.O. Box  
504340, Saipan, MP 96950, as  
soon as practicable after filing  
your Answer.

Your Answer should be in  
writing and filed with the Clerk  
of this Court at Susupe, Saipan.  
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for you by your counsel and sent  
to the Clerk of this Court by  
messenger or mail. It is not  
necessary for you to appear  
personally until further notice.

If you fail to answer in  
accordance with this Summons,  
judgment by default may be  
taken against you for the relief  
demanded in the Complaint.

By Order of the above Court:

DATED August 23, 2012

/s/ CLERK OF COURT

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

**CORAZON P. YUSON-JAMERO**  
Petitioner,  
  
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**TEODORO B. JAMERO,**  
Respondent.

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NO.  
12-0384  
  
**SUMMONS**

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED  
RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and  
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make to the Petition for Divorce which is  
given you herewith, within thirty (30)  
days after service of this Summons upon  
you.

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and filed with the Clerk of court, Guma'  
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Justice, P.O. Box 500307, Saipan, MP  
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counsel, Atty. Joe Hill, P.O. Box 500917,  
Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be  
prepared and signed for you by your  
counsel and sent to the Clerk of this  
Court by messenger or mail. It is not  
necessary for you to appear personally  
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with this Summons, judgment by default  
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By order of the above Court:

Dated this 15th day of August, 2012.

/s/Deputy Clerk of Court  
Superior Court

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY  
CNMI GOVERNMENT**  
**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
2012-CDA-08-ITB**

CLOSING DATE: Monday, September 24, 2012 • TIME: 10:00 a.m.



**“JANITORIAL & MAINTENANCE FOR  
CDA BUILDING IN SAN JOSE”**

Copies of the Scope of Work may be obtained at the Commonwealth Development Authority office, 1st Floor Wakin's Bldg. in Gualo Rai, Saipan during regular working hours or by facsimile request to 235-7147.

Preference is available to U.S. Citizens or Permanent Residents as per PL15-95 and as further amended by PL15-118 and the application must be submitted with the BID if preference is claimed.

/s/ MANUEL A. SABLAN  
Executive Director

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN  
Director, Procurement and Supply

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY  
CNMI GOVERNMENT**  
**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
2012-CDA-09-RFP**

CLOSING DATE: Monday, September 24, 2012 • TIME: 10:00 a.m.

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ACCOUNTANT: Must be a college graduate in Finance and Accounting with at least 5 years work related experience in insurance financial reporting and general accounting procedures with emphasis on receivable, payable, and investment management. Proficient in SAP R3 FICO system, MS Word and Excel software. Good analytical ability and proficient knowledge in use of computers. Must be able to work under time pressure and work flexible hours. CPA not required.

Applications can be obtained at and submitted to Century Insurance Company (CIC) office at the JP Center Building on Beach Road Garapan. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience. To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than 5:00PM, Thursday, September 13, 2012. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

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## Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director



### INVITATION FOR BIDS

CUC-IFB-12-025

#### CONSTRUCTION OF MAINTENANCE & REPAIR SHOP BUILDINGS

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the construction of new concrete block maintenance and repair shop buildings at the CUC Sadog Tasi Wastewater Treatment Facility on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

*This project is funded through a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).*

The project consists in general of the construction of concrete block maintenance and repair shop buildings and the expansion of existing buildings located on Saipan at Sadog Tasi. The work shall be done not to disrupt the daily operation of the wastewater treatment plant or the operations at the water and wastewater operations offices. The work includes construction of water maintenance shop, parking sheds, wastewater equipment storage, pump shop extension, guard house and asphalt paving improvements. The Project is to be completed in 240 calendar days from date of award of contract.

The Bid Package and Scope-of-Work may be picked-up, upon receipt of a deposit from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$ 100.00 for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by site visits will be held on **September 11, 2012 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.10, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

**One (1) original and Seven (7) copies** must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-IFB-12-025, Construction of Maintenance & Repair Shop Buildings"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on October 2, 2012**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers questions, concerns and qualification be should handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on **September 14, 2012** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email – [manny.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:manny.sablan@cucgov.org) with a copy to Commander, Kenneth Esplin, Water/Wastewater Engineer via email [kenneth.esplin@cucgov.org](mailto:kenneth.esplin@cucgov.org) and Ms. Christie Sablan, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant – [christie.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:christie.sablan@cucgov.org).

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

/S/ **ALAN W. FLETCHER**  
Acting Executive Director



## COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

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### PROCUREMENT AND DELIVERY OF TWO (2) SALT WATER OUTBOARD MOTOR ENGINE PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-008-12

#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority is soliciting competitive sealed proposals for the procurement and delivery of two (2) Salt Water Outboard Motor Engine for CPA's watercraft Boston Whaler.

The proposal must include all costs for parts, accessories and labor in the installation of these engines including electrical components which may not be part of the engine accessories but must be installed in order that these engines may operate with maximum efficiency. Proposers are invited to inspect the water craft before submission of proposals.

The proposal shall include a factory warranty and must be able to provide maintenance and service agreement for two (2) years with ability to conduct on-site assessment and repair.

Proposers shall guarantee delivery of these engines to CPA within 60 days from closing date of this proposal and at which time; CPA will make payment within 10 days thereafter.

The Specifications of the Engines will be available at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building on September 4th, 2012.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Proposal for Procurement and Delivery of two (2) Salt Water outboard motor engine". One (1) original and two (2) copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than 2:00 p.m. Local Time, September 26th, 2012, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport. Proposals submitted by facsimile (fax) transmission will not be considered. Any proposals received after the proposal submittal deadline shall be returned to the proposer unopened.

Should a proposer find discrepancies in, or omission from, the description or specifications contained herein, proposer shall at once notify Ms. Kay Inos at telephone numbers 664-3550 or 664-3560 respectively, and should it be found necessary, a written addendum will be sent to all proposers. Proposers must guarantee that any or all equipment found defective at the time of delivery must replace equipment within 60 days from date of first delivery.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for; (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the procurement project would not be in the best interest of the CPA. The CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in the CPA's best interest.

All proposals shall become the property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority. This Request for Proposal shall be executed as per the CPA Procurement Regulations.

Funding for the procurement of the engines is made possible by the 2009 Port Security Grant Program from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ **EDWARD M. DELEON GUERRERO**  
Executive Director



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### PROCUREMENT AND DELIVERY OF ONE (1) MARITIME BOAT PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-010-12

#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority is soliciting competitive sealed proposals for the procurement and delivery of one (1) Maritime Boat to the island of Tinian.

The proposal shall attached a manufacturer warranty and include a two (2) years maintenance and service contract on the engine, boat and accessories to be provided on the island of Tinian.

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# Noel Quichocho Taisacan

Born to Life: May 26, 1959  
Born to Eternal Life: September 5, 2012

**He now joins his:**

**Father:** Felix M. Taisacan  
**Mother:** Presentation Q. Taisacan  
**Father-in-Law:** Dionicio M. Babauta  
**Mother-in-Law:** Dolores D. Babauta  
**Brothers:** Pablo Q. Taisacan, Mario Q. Taisacan,  
Marcus Q. Taisacan, Jerome Q. Taisacan  
**Sister:** Crispina T. Tenorio  
**Brothers/Sisters-in Laws:** Jane R. Taisacan, Daniel D. Babauta,  
Jose A. Tenorio

**He will greatly be missed by:**

**Wife:** Lydia Babauta Taisacan  
**Children:** Lorraine Ly T. & Antonio A. Arriola (Anthony Noel)  
Lyvonn Lynn B. Taisacan  
Don Felix B. Taisacan  
**Brothers/Sisters & Spouses:** Andresina T. & John S. Dela Cruz  
Josephine SN. Taisacan  
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Rebecca T. & Burno Atalig  
Diana F. Taisacan

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Merced B. & Juan Pangelinan  
Edward & Thelma Babauta  
Thomas & Sylvia Babauta  
Nobert & Kimiyo Babauta  
Carmen B. & Diego Camacho  
George & Eunice Babauta  
Sandra B. & Franklin Sablan

**He will also be missed by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins,  
nieces, nephews, family, and friends.**

Nightly mass is being said at 6:00 pm at San Vicente Church  
followed immediately by The Holy Rosary.

Last respects will take place on Thursday, September 13, 2012.  
His remains will leave Cabrera's Funeral Home at 7:30 am and  
will be taken to San Vicente Church for public viewing.  
Mass of Christian Burial will be said at 11:00 am.

Thank you - Si Yu'us Ma'ase

**Lydia B. Taisacan  
Children & Family**





# World

## Strong Costa Rica quake causes panic, minor damage

**CANGREJAL, Costa Rica** (AP)—A powerful magnitude-7.6 earthquake shook Costa Rica and neighboring countries Wednesday, sending panicked people into the streets and briefly triggering a tsunami alert, but causing little damage. Authorities reported one confirmed death.

"When we felt the earthquake, we held onto each other because we kept falling," said Rosa Pichardo, 45, who was walking on the beach in the town of Samara with her family when the quake hit.

"I've never felt anything like this. We just couldn't stay standing. My feet gave out under me. It was terrible, terrible," she said.

Officials said the quake collapsed some houses and at least one bridge and caused landslides that blocked highways. But Costa Rica President Laura Chinchilla said there were no reports of major damage and called for calm.

Residents described being shocked by the force of the quake, which was felt as far away as Panama and Nicaragua and was the biggest since a 7.6-magnitude quake in 1991 left 47 people dead.

Michelle Landwer, owner of the Belvedere Hotel in Samara,

north of the epicenter, said she was having breakfast with about 10 people when the quake hit.

"The whole building was moving, I couldn't even walk," Landwer said. "Everything was falling, like glasses and everything." Still, she added, "Here in my building there was no real damage."

The quake was somewhat deep—25 miles (41 kilometers) below the surface. Quakes that occur deeper underground tend to be less damaging, but more widely felt.

"If it was a shallower event, it would be a significantly higher hazard," said seismologist Daniel McNamara of the U.S. Geological Survey.

The U.S. Geological Survey said the quake was centered about 38 miles (60 kilometers) from the town of Liberia and 87 miles (140 kilometers) west of the capital, San Jose. The magnitude initially was estimated at 7.9, but was quickly downgraded to 7.6.

The area is a seismically active zone where the Cocos tectonic plate dives beneath the Caribbean plate. "All along the Pacific coast of Central America, you can expect fairly big earthquakes," McNamara said.

The quake was followed by

two strong aftershocks of magnitudes 4.5 and 4.4. The Guanacaste region around the epicenter is a popular tourist destination known for its pristine beaches and nature and marine reserves. Costa Rica is also a popular destination for American retirees, tens of thousands of whom have settled there.

Officials initially warned of a possible tsunami, and Samara local police supervisor Jose Angel Gomez said about 5,000 people—80 percent of the town's population—had been evacuated from coastal towns in and near the quake's epicenter. By midday they

were allowed to return.

In San Juan, frightened residents ran into the streets, and cell phone and Internet service failed across the city. Some neighborhoods lost electricity.

At the hospitals of Nicoya and Liberia, in Guanacaste, hundreds of people packed emergency rooms asking to be treated for shock and minor injuries.

One death was confirmed, a man who died of a heart attack caused by fright, said Carlos Miranda, a Red Cross worker in the city of Liberia.

Douglas Salgado, a geographer with Costa Rica's National

Commission of Risk Prevention and Emergency Attention, said a landslide hit the main highway that connects the capital to the Pacific coast city of Puntarenas, and hotels and other structures had cracked walls and items knocked from shelves.

In the town of Hojancha, a few miles (kilometers) from the epicenter, city official Kenia Campos said the quake knocked down some houses and landslides blocked several roads.

"So far, we don't have victims," she said. "People were really scared ... We have had moderate quakes but an earthquake (this strong) hadn't hap-

pened in ... years."

In the coastal town of Nosara, roughly 20 miles (30 kilometers) southwest of the epicenter, trees shook violently and light posts swayed. Teachers rushed primary school students outside, where roads cracked and power lines fell.

In the last four decades, the region has been rocked by 30 earthquakes of magnitude-6 and larger. Two exceeded magnitude-7—in 1978 and 1990—but did not cause any deaths.

The last deadly quake to strike Costa Rica was in 2009, when 40 people died in a magnitude-6.1 temblor.

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### Gadhafi's spy chief in Libyan hands

**TRIPOLI, Libya** (AP)—Deposed Libyan dictator Moammar Gadhafi's notorious spy chief is in custody in Tripoli after extradition from Mauritania, Libya's premier said Wednesday, in a step toward bringing the man linked to aircraft bombings and atrocities to justice. A plane carrying Abdullah al-Senoussi landed in the afternoon at Metiga air base at the heart of Tripoli in the afternoon. He was flown by helicopter to the Hill Prison in the capital. The former spy chief is accused of complicity in the 1988 bombing of a Pan Am airliner over Lockerbie, Scotland, as well as the Abu Salim prison massacre of more than 1,200 inmates by Gadhafi's regime in 1996 and another airplane bombing in 1989.

#### French judges to exhume Arafat body in West Bank

**RAMALLAH, West Bank** (AP)—The widow of Yasser Arafat said Wednesday that French investigators will soon visit the West Bank to dig up the remains of her husband in hopes of determining what killed the longtime Palestinian leader eight years ago. Palestinian officials welcomed the investigation, saying the French team could begin work within days. Arafat's death in a French hospital in November 2004 has remained a mystery for many. While the immediate cause of death was a stroke, the underlying source of an illness he suffered in his final weeks has never been clear, leading to persistent, unproven conspiracy theories that he had cancer, AIDS or was poisoned. A Swiss lab's recent discovery of polonium-210, a deadly radioactive isotope, on clothes said to be Arafat's has fueled new suspicions of poisoning.

#### France giving aid to rebel-held Syrian cities

**PARIS** (AP)—France has started providing direct aid and money to five rebel-held Syrian cities as it intensifies efforts to weaken President Bashar Assad, in the first such move by a western power, a diplomatic source said Wednesday. The French aid comes as U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon criticized the Security Council on Wednesday for failing to take action to protect Syrians facing violence that has led to thousands of deaths. Amid mounting calls for the international community to do more to prevent bloodshed, France—Syria's onetime colonial ruler—has pushed to secure "liberated zones" in Syria.

IN CELEBRATION OF HER NEW LIFE

† Alice Castro Manglona

Born: October 29, 1960

Died: August 30, 2012

*Her memories will forever live in the hearts of her:*

**Husband:** John Masga Manglona

**Children and grandchildren:** Jayra C. Manglona/ Jesse Cruz (Jay'aani);  
Alison C. Manglona/ Luis Reyes (Keoni, Kirida, Logan);  
Shannon C. Manglona; Genesis C. Manglona

**Parents:** †Marceliano Manibusan Castro and Dolores Babauta Castro

**Parents In-Law:** †Ignacio and †Dorothea M. Manglona

**Brothers, Sisters and In-Laws:**

Frank B. and Terry B. Castro; John B. and Rose C. Castro; Mart B. Castro and Maggie B. Muna; Roy B. Castro and Cel R. Gapach; Lola C. and Joe C. Mafnas; Jess B. and Nora A. Castro; Ton B. and Maricar H. Castro; Ben B. and Lucy C. Castro; Tina C. and Gus C. Kaneshi; Joe B. and Faye M. Castro; Rita C. and Ben S. Agulto; Chassie B. Castro and Rodney Tarkong

†Lucio M. and †Milagro H. Manglona; Miguel M. and †Rosa Babauta/ Susan; Fredirico M. and †Juanita C. Manglona; Juliana M. and Frank Toves; Thomasa M. and George Camacho

Mass of Intentions is celebrated at 6:00pm at San Roque Church followed by Holy Rosary at 7:00pm.

**FUNERAL SERVICE – SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 08, 2012**

Nuestra Senora dela Paz Memorial Chapel, Beach Rd., Garapan 6:00am to 8:00am.

Holy Rosary – 6:30am • Viewing and Last Respects – 7:00am to 8:00am.

Funeral cortege to Grace Christian Assembly of God, Navy Hill – 8:30am.

**REMEMBRANCE SERVICE**  
GRACE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH,  
NAVY HILL – 9:00am to 11:00am  
MEMORIAL SERVICE, EULOGY, VIEWING  
AND LAST RESPECTS  
Interment Service – Tanapag Public Cemetery



# Off The Wall

## Minn. casino cooks up record 1-ton cheeseburger

**CARLTON, Minn. (AP)**—A Minnesota casino has cooked up a world-record bacon cheeseburger that's 10 feet in diameter and weighs more than a ton.

The behemoth burger was served up Sunday at the Black Bear Casino Resort near Carlton. It tipped the scales at 2,014 pounds.

Guinness Records representative Philip Robertson verified the record for biggest burger. He called the feat a result of "remarkable



In this Sunday, Sept. 2, 2012 photo provided by by Black Bear Casino Resort, people examine a bacon cheeseburger measuring 10 feet in diameter and weighing more than a ton at Black Bear Casino Resort near Carlton, Minn.

teamwork" and said the burger "actually tastes really good."

A Duluth News Tribune report (<http://bit.ly/PXpUQP>) says the previous mark was a mere 881 pounds, 13 ounces.

Black Bear's burger included 60 pounds of bacon, 50 pounds of lettuce, 50 pounds of sliced onions, 40 pounds of pickles and 40 pounds of cheese.

It took about four hours to cook the patty. A crane was used to flip it.

## Nigeria uncovers cocaine-stuffed roasted chicken

**LAGOS, Nigeria (AP)**—The roasted chickens had an unusual stuffing—\$150,000 worth of cocaine, according to Nigerian police.

A Nigerian mechanic who struggled in Brazil for more than six years had hoped the drugs would buy him a life of luxury in his native land, Nigerian authorities said Monday.

"This was like a retirement plan for him," said Mitchell Ofoyeju, spokesman for the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency.

The accused was arrested over the weekend at the airport

in Lagos after he came in from Sao Paulo with 2.6 kilograms (5.7 pounds) of cocaine, Ofoyeju said. Photos from the agency showed egg-shaped packages wrapped in gold aluminum foil and tucked into the browned chickens.

The suspect, Vincent Chegini Chinweuwa, could not immediately be reached for comment as he remained in custody Monday.

Nigeria is a major transit point for drugs coming from Latin America and going to Europe or the United States but recent security improvements are cutting into that dubious distinction.

After a Nigerian man alleg-

edly attempted to blow up a Detroit-bound airliner in 2009, Nigeria started installing airport scanners and sought training for its agents. Ofoyeju says the scanners helped authorities identify more than 100 drug carriers last year, leading to the seizure of about 410 kilograms (904 pounds) of cocaine, among other illicit drugs.

Authorities have found drugs sandwiched inside the fabric of suitcases, sewn into wigs worn by female passengers, tucked into underwear or hidden in phone chargers and even in a stethoscope, Ofoyeju said.

"The list is endless," he said.

The weekend seizure may even redeem the agency's image after the controversial arrest last year of a popular Nigerian comedian known as Baba Suwe. The agency held him for more than three weeks to monitor his bowel movements after a scanner detected what investigators believed to be drugs—but no drugs were ever found.

His ordeal turned the comedian's life into a potty-humor joke. The agency was later ordered to pay him \$165,000 in damages—a court decision it is appealing.

### 1.5 CARAT MEAL

## Man swallows diamond in Sri Lanka

**COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP)**—A man visiting a gem exhibition in Sri Lanka's capital swallowed a 1.5 carat diamond in front of the owner and was taken by police to a hospital, where an X-ray showed the \$13,000 stone inside him.

Exhibitor Suresh Wijekoon said the man was behaving suspiciously at his stalls and when he reached closer to the suspect, the man suddenly swallowed the diamond at his hand before Suresh alerted police at the exhibition venue.

Chou Wan, a 32-year-old from China, is in custody pending further investigation, police

spokesman Ajith Rohana said.

An X-ray proved the diamond was inside Chou's body, said hospital director Dr. Anil Jasinghe at Colombo National, where the suspect was taken for the test.

Suresh, owner of Belgrade International Pvt Ltd, said the diamond weighed about 1.5 carats. It was worth 1.8 million Sri Lankan rupees (\$13,636), Rohana said.

Sri Lanka does not mine diamonds but is renowned for other highly treasured gems. Facets Sri Lanka 2012 is the island nation's annual largest gem and jewelry exhibition and it attracts a large number of local and foreign buyers.

### OFFBEAT BRIEFS

#### Police: Buffalo man tried to eat bogus \$50 bills

**DARIEN, N.Y. (AP)**—Authorities say a 35-year-old man tried to swallow several counterfeit \$50 bills after he was caught trying to use the bogus money at a New York amusement park. The Genesee County Sheriff's Office says deputies were called to Darien Lake Theme Park and Resort on Sunday night after Larry Jones, of Buffalo, bought french fries with a \$50 bill. Deputies say a park employee spotted the fake and called security. While being taken away, deputies say, Jones stuffed five bills into his mouth and tried unsuccessfully to eat them. Investigators say Jones told them he had received the bills as pay for a remodeling job.

#### Scorpion sting leaves Arizona woman with huge bill

**PHOENIX (AP)**—An Arizona woman is wondering what hurt more: getting stung by a scorpion or seeing her hospital bill after treatment. Marcie Edmonds says the bill from Chandler Regional Medical Center was more than \$83,000. That includes two doses of anti-venom at nearly \$40,000 per dose. The Arizona Republic says Edmonds' insurer has paid more than \$57,000 and the suburban Phoenix hospital is asking Edmonds for the balance of about \$25,000. The 52-year-old Ahwatukee Foothills resident was stung in June while opening a box of air conditioner filters in her garage. Edmonds says an emergency room doctor told her about the Mexican anti-venom Anascorp that could quickly relieve her symptoms, but she was never told about the cost.

#### UMass students nosh on 6,700-pound seafood stew

**AMHERST, Mass. (AP)**—The University of Massachusetts has again welcomed students back to campus with a world record-breaking culinary treat. A year after starting the semester with a two-ton stir fry, staff and students at the Am-

herst campus on Monday made and chowed down on a nearly 6,700-pound seafood stew. The stew was prepared in the same custom-built, 14-foot pan used to make the stir fry last year. The stew included 1,000 pounds of mussels, lobster, clams, haddock and salmon from sustainable sources in New England and Alaska. It also contained 1,725 pounds of half and half, 1,137 pounds of potatoes, 575 pounds of onions and 145 pounds of bacon, among other ingredients.

#### Chairs placed by Eastwood cutout on Calif. trail

**GLENDALE, Calif. (AP)**—These days, wherever you see Clint Eastwood, an empty chair is sure to follow. Even if you're on a hike. A life-sized cutout of a cowboy Eastwood has stood on a trail overlooking a Southern California freeway for months, but on Tuesday a pair of chairs were next to him, one also a cardboard cutout, the other an actual wooden chair. They're a clear reference to Eastwood's interaction with an imaginary President Obama in an empty chair at the Republican National Convention last week. Eastwood and the chair have fueled a social media meme that's shown no signs of slowing.

#### Kitten goes for 100-mile ride on NY woman's bumper

**PLATTSBURGH, N.Y. (AP)**—A woman says a 6-week-old kitten hitched a ride on the outside of her vehicle as she drove about 100 miles over upstate New York roads. Stacey Pulsifer tells the Press-Republican of Plattsburgh that she recently drove from her home in Plattsburgh to Elizabethtown in the Adirondacks, then back to her apartment. Along the way she stopped for coffee and heard meowing coming from her Jeep. She asked two friends to help her search the vehicle. They finally found the kitten wedged behind a bumper and had to cut it free. Pulsifer has since adopted the hitchhiker and named it Pumpkin.

### MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION

## JOSE SABLAN TAITANO

*We would like to thank all the family members and friends who came at the rosary of our beloved "Tatay." We appreciate your prayers and condolences. We would especially like to thank Mr. Doug Miller who assisted us in bringing our dad to the Philippines.*

*In celebration of his 67th birthday, we invite all our relatives and friends on September 9, 2012 at our Dan-dan residence. His rosary will begin at 6 pm.*

*Thank you and Si Yu'us Ma'ase for all your prayers.*

*The Taitano Family*



# Science & Technology

## New DNA encyclopedia shows complex inner workings

**NEW YORK (AP)**—A colossal international effort has yielded the first comprehensive look at how our DNA works, an encyclopedia of information that will rewrite the textbooks and offer new insights into the biology of disease.

For one thing, it may help explain why some people are more prone to common ailments such as high blood pressure and heart disease.

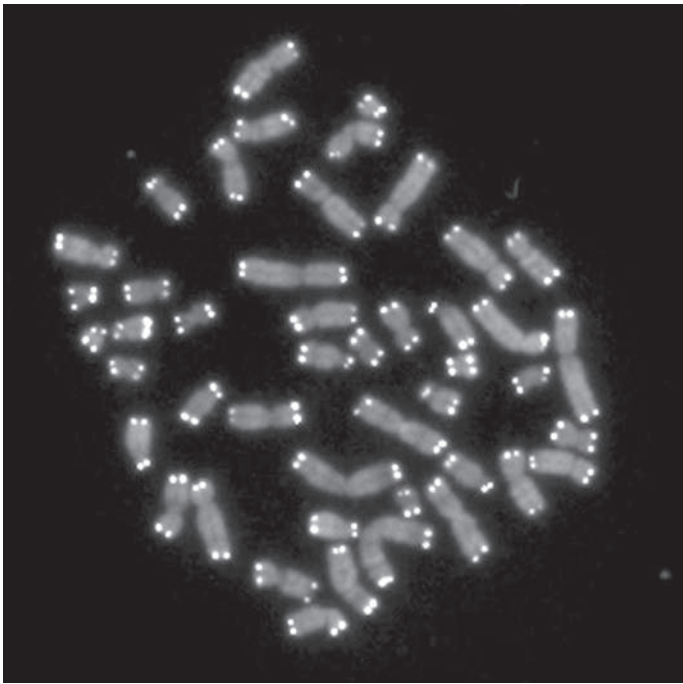
The findings, reported Wednesday by more than 500 scientists, reveal extraordinarily complex networks that tell our genes what to do and when, with millions of on-off switches.

“It’s this incredible choreography going on, of a modest number of genes and an immense number of ... switches that are choreographing how those genes are used,” said Dr. Eric Green, director of the National Human Genome Research Institute, which organized the project.

The work also shows that at least 80 percent of the human genetic code, or genome, is active. That’s surprisingly high and a sharp contrast to the idea that the vast majority of our DNA is junk.

Most people know that DNA contains genes, which hold the instructions for life. But scientists have long known those genetic blueprints take up only about 2 percent of the genome, and their understanding of what’s going on in the rest has been murky.

Similarly, they have known



This undated image provided by the U.S. National Cancer Institute shows the 46 human chromosomes, where DNA resides and does its work. Each chromosome contains genes, but genes comprise only 2 percent of DNA.

that the genome contains regulators that control the activity of genes, so that one set of genes is active in a liver cell and another set in a brain cell, for example. But the new work shows how that happens on a broad scale.

It’s “our first global view of how the genome functions,” sort of a Google Maps that allows both bird’s-eye and close-up views of what’s going on, said Elise Feingold of the genome institute.

While scientists already knew the detailed chemical makeup of the genome, “we didn’t really

know how to read it,” she said in an interview. “It didn’t come with an instruction manual to figure out how the DNA actually works.”

One key participant, Ewan Birney of the European Molecular Biology Laboratory in Hinxton, England, compared the new work to a first translation of a very long book.

“The big surprise is just how much activity there is,” he said. “It’s a jungle.”

The trove of findings was released in 30 papers published by three scientific journals, while related papers appear in some

other journals. In all, the 30 papers involved more than 500 authors. The project is called ENCODE, for Encyclopedia of DNA Elements.

The human genome is made up of about 3 billion “letters” along strands that make up the familiar double helix structure of DNA. Particular sequences of these letters form genes, which tell cells how to make proteins. People have about 20,000 genes, but the vast majority of DNA lies outside of genes.

So what is it doing? In recent years, scientists have uncovered uses for some of that DNA, so it was clearly not all junk, but overall it has remained a mystery.

Scientists found that at least three-quarters of the genome is involved in making RNA, a chemical cousin of DNA. Within genes, making RNA is a first step toward creating a protein, but that’s not how it’s used across most of the genome. Instead, it appears to help regulate gene activity.

Scientists also mapped more than 4 million sites where proteins bind to DNA to regulate genetic function, sort of like a switch. “We are finding way more switches than we were expecting,” Birney said.

The discovery of so many switches may help scientists in their search for the biology of disease, particularly common conditions such as high blood pressure, heart disease and asthma, scientists said.

### STUMP THE GEEKS

## Tech tips for back-to-school survival

By TYLER DUKES  
THE NEWS & OBSERVER (RALEIGH, N.C.)

After a brief reprieve for Labor Day, students headed back to school this week after celebrating the official end of summertime. For them and their parents, that often means trading leisure time for hectic schedules packed with class, homework and after-school activities.

The transition can be a little shocking. That’s why we reached out to our team of resident geeks to recommend a few technological solutions to survive the back-to-school season. With a little help from these gadgets, apps and websites, you can settle into the fall semester quickly.

■ **DITCH THE USB STICK:** They may be cheap, portable and convenient, but USB memory sticks are notorious for spreading viruses between computers—especially if housed in a widely used network like a public school.

“My brother-in-law’s ninth-grader’s USB stick has taken their home computer down with malware three times since early August,” Paul Rosenberg, owner of the Chapel Hill, N.C., shop Love Your Computer, said in an email.

Finding a good alternative is sometimes tricky, depending on each school’s security policy. Some may block popular cloud storage websites. Others support the use of applications such as Connect2School to

allow students and faculty to manage and store files.

If your school’s Web lockdown policy isn’t severe, use a service such as Dropbox, which lets you store and retrieve files from anywhere with an Internet connection. Users get 2 GB free, with 100 GB and larger options starting at \$9.99 a month. Accounts even allow you to share files with mobile devices, from Android phones to iPads.

School rules vary, so check with teachers and administrators before transferring big projects and papers.

■ **UPGRADE THE LEARNING PROCESS:** In her volunteer work with first-grade classes in Wake County, Dianne Dunlap discovered students are often more excited about app-based learning than time-honored educational techniques. One app she uses: Counting Coins.

“The (Wake County) kids typically use plastic money to learn how to figure out coin values, but they just do back flips over this app,” Dunlap, a senior client network engineer with the technology nonprofit MCNC, said in an email. “They would rather move the coins around on the screen ... than handle plastic money.”

For learning that requires more memorization—vocabulary or foreign languages, for example—Dunlap recommends Quizlet, which allows users to create free flash cards. You can use those cards to create quizzes, download them to a free mobile

app and even search for study sets created by others.

“It’s the kind of thing where if any parent, teacher or student created a list for any class, this list could be shared and run on any PC or mobile platform,” Dunlap said.

For more complex topics, Martin Smith, director of marketing for Atlantic Business Technologies in Raleigh, N.C., recommends Instagrok. The site allows users to search for and examine a subject with an interactive concept map linking key facts with videos, images and educational websites.

■ **STAY POWERED UP:** Mobile apps aren’t much good if the devices powering them are running on empty. That’s why Craig Petronella, president of Petronella Computer Consultants in Raleigh, N.C., recommends the ZAGGSparq back-up charger.

Essentially an extra battery, this \$100 wallet-sized device can charge up to two mobile gadgets via its USB ports. For most smart phones, the company says the ZAGGSparq is good for four full recharges. And when your digital vampires have had their fill, just plug it back into any standard outlet until you’re ready to hit the road again.

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Saturday	1:25	4:25	7:25 9:50
Sunday	1:25	4:25	7:25
Monday thru Tuesday	4:25	7:25	

**Cast:** Jeffrey Dean Morgan, Kyra Sedgwick  
Thriller, Horror • Rated PG13

**Synopsis**  
Inspired by Los Angeles Times writer Leslie Gornstein's article "A Jinx in a Box," this horror film from Ghost House Pictures and director Ole Bornedal (Nightwatch) tells the tale of a broken family that comes under attack from a malevolent supernatural entity of Jewish folklore. Shortly after her parents (Jeffrey Dean Morgan and Kyra Sedgwick) divorce, a young girl purchases an ornate antique box at a yard sale. In the weeks that follow, the young girl forms an intense fixation on the box, her behavior growing increasingly bizarre as she falls into the grip of a diabolical apparition. When the girl's father discovers that the relic is in fact a holding cell for the disconnected soul of a deceased person who has been denied entry into the afterlife and needs a human host to inhabit, he fights to rid her of the evil that threatens to consume her body and soul.

**The Odd Life of Timothy Green**

Friday	4:05	7:10	9:35
Saturday	1:20	4:05	7:10 9:35
Sunday	1:20	4:05	7:10
Monday thru Tuesday	4:05	7:10	

**Cast:** Jennifer Garner, Joel Edgerton  
Comedy, Drama, Fantasy • Rated PG

**Synopsis**  
A happy husband and wife receive a most unexpected gift in this enchanting fantasy drama from Academy Award-nominated writer/director Peter Hedges (What's Eating Gilbert Grape?, Dan in Real Life). Jim (Joel Edgerton) and Cindy Green (Jennifer Garner) are deeply in love and planning to start a family in Stanleyville when one night, during a thunderous storm, a young boy named Timothy (CJ Adams) comes knocking at their door. In time, the prospective new parents and their curious neighbors discover that the most amazing things can happen just when you least expect it.

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**Step Up: Revolution**

Friday	4:30	7:30	10:00
Saturday	1:30	4:30	7:30 10:00
Sunday	1:30	4:30	7:30
Monday thru Tuesday	4:30	7:30	

**Cast:** Ryan Guzman, Kathryn McCormick  
Drama • Rated PG13

**Hit and Run**

Friday	4:20	7:20	9:40
Saturday	1:00	4:20	7:20 9:40
Sunday	1:00	4:20	7:20
Monday thru Tuesday	4:20	7:20	

**Cast:** Dax Shepard, Bradley Cooper  
Action • Rated R

**The Expendables 2**

Friday	4:10	7:05	9:55
Saturday	1:10	4:10	7:05 9:55
Sunday	1:10	4:10	7:05
Monday thru Tuesday	4:10	7:05	

**Cast:** Sylvester Stallone, Jason Statham, Jet Li  
Action • Rated R

**Paranorman**

Friday	4:15	7:15	9:30
Saturday	1:15	4:15	7:15 9:30
Sunday	1:15	4:15	7:15
Monday thru Tuesday	4:15	7:15	

**Cast:** Susan Duedeck, Donna Lynn Leavy  
Children's/family • Rated PG

**Bourne Legacy**

Friday	4:00	7:00	9:45
Saturday	1:05	4:00	7:00 9:45
Sunday	1:05	4:00	7:00
Monday thru Tuesday	4:00	7:00	

**Cast:** Jeremy Renner, Rachel Weisz  
Spy film, Action • Rated PG13

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## Waiter's use of makeup shocks surprised diner

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

**DEAR ABBY:** Last night at a restaurant, my husband and I were surprised to see a male server wearing a blond wig and full makeup. I was, to say the least, shocked and very glad we hadn't brought the children, ages 11 and 14, with us. How do you explain something like that to an 11-year-old? The 14-year-old would be able to "get it."

What kind of policies are in place for restaurants in cases like this? What if customers are offended? Could I request a different server or just leave? Your comments would be appreciated.

TAKEN ABACK IN CALIFORNIA

**DEAR TAKEN ABACK:** In California, people have the legal right to dress in a style not typical of their gender without fear of discrimination or retaliation. That right is protected by state law. If customers find it offensive, they can either request a different server or take their business elsewhere. Presumably, the customer would pay for food that had already been prepared.

Because children today grow up quickly and are less sheltered than in past decades, I recommend you explain to your 11-year-old that not all people are alike, and the importance of treating others with respect. It's called REALITY.

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**DEAR ABBY:** My boyfriend, "Shane," and I have been together more than a year. My problem lies in child support issues.

I'm a college student and full-time employee at a major company. I make a pretty good living considering my age. Shane is an electrician, and half of every paycheck he earns is going to his child's mother. I understand the money is being given to support the child, but every time we see him, the kid says his mommy is broke.

Because my boyfriend's check is half gone by the time he brings it home, I must pick up the slack regarding the bills. Shane helps out any way he can, but it's never enough, so I have to step in.

I love him, he treats me like a queen and I have yet to have a major problem with him. But it's the money situation. I feel a little guilty for feeling this way. What do I do in this situation? Please help.

FEELING GUILTY IN COLORADO

**DEAR FEELING GUILTY:** Stop feeling guilty. Your feelings are natural considering that Shane isn't carrying his half of the load he shares with you financially. Talk to him about the way the inequity is making you feel because if you don't, your resentment will only grow. He may need to find a second job so you have to "step in" less often. The alternative is to accept that the present will also be your future.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I have a pet peeve—people who make a big production out of yawning. It's not enough to just yawn quietly. Noooo, they have to open wide, not cover their mouth and moan loudly. It annoys the heck out of me and I'm not sure it's appropriate to say anything.

People who do this seem to have several yawns in succession and want to make sure everyone notices. Any suggestions other than to grin and bear it?

SEEKING QUIET IN GEORGIA

**DEAR SEEKING QUIET:** Yes. If it's happening socially say, "I can see you're getting tired, so maybe it's time to end this visit." If it's happening at work, suggest the person take a break and go outside for some fresh air.

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*Dear Abby*

## AP: Copperfield buys 1960 MLK recording

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Magician David Copperfield said Wednesday he purchased a newly discovered audiotape of a Martin Luther King Jr. interview and would donate it to the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis to promote the civil rights icon's message of nonviolence.

Copperfield told The Associated Press on Wednesday that he purchased the 1960 tape this week from New York-based collector and broker Keya Morgan, who acquired it from a Chattanooga man.

The clear audio recording includes King discussing the importance of the civil rights movement, his definition of non-violence and his visit to Africa. An excerpt of the audio released last month on the Internet went viral, and evoked emotions in those who were close to King, such as U.S. Rep. John Lewis who said he was moved to tears

after hearing King once again talk about nonviolence.

Copperfield said King inspired people to dream, and the magician's "art is about making people dream."

"The magic of Dr. King was in his message: peace and non-violence," Copperfield said. "I didn't want this to be hoarded away. I wanted it to be shared with people to continue the message, which is more important today than it's ever been."

He said he chose the National Civil Rights Museum because he thought it was the best fit for the recording, considering the museum is at the site where King was assassinated in 1968.

Beverly Robertson is president of the museum, which is undergoing a multimillion dollar renovation that includes expanding its exhibits.

"We are absolutely honored and thrilled to be receiving this audio that really presents his-

tory in the voice of one of the greatest human rights leaders of our time," she said. "There are few places that have King's actual voice integrated into the exhibit, so this is a tremendous enhancement for all of our efforts at the National Civil Rights Museum."

Stephon Tull told the AP last month that he discovered the recording while looking through dusty old boxes in his father's attic in Chattanooga. He said he came across an audio reel labeled, "Dr. King interview, Dec. 21, 1960."

He wasn't sure what he had until he borrowed a friend's reel-to-reel player and listened to the recording of his father interviewing King for a book project that never came to fruition.

Tull said his father, an insurance salesman, had planned to write a book about the racism he encountered growing up in Chattanooga and later as an adult. He said his

dad interviewed King when he visited the city, but never completed the book and just stored the recording with some other interviews he had done. Tull's father is now in his early 80s and in hospice care.

Raymond Winbush, director of the Institute for Urban Research at Maryland's Morgan State University, said he was pleased the recording would be preserved at a museum and hoped the same would be done for other artifacts found in the future.

"I think while we can exhale about this, hopefully in the future when we get some national treasures like this that it will always be available for people to see for history's sake, rather than just held onto ... then sold at some enormous price," said Winbush, who is also a psychologist and historian.

Copperfield didn't disclose the price, but Morgan appraised the tape at \$100,000.

## 1st night of DNC bests RNC in ratings race

NEW YORK (AP)—Michelle Obama has bragging rights over Ann Romney in one early measurement—television ratings.

The Nielsen Co. said about 26.2 million people watched the opening night of the Democratic National Convention on Tuesday in Charlotte, N.C., where the first lady was the featured speaker.

Last week, Nielsen said 22.3 million watched the first night of the Republican National Convention in Tampa, Fla., where potential first lady Ann Romney talked about her husband, Mitt. The same number of viewers watched the Democrats' first night in 2008, when Michelle Obama was also the featured speaker.

NBC was the most popular network during the 10 p.m. ET hour on Tuesday, with just over 5 million viewers. CBS had 3.27 million and ABC had 3.24 million, Nielsen said. PBS, which broadcast throughout prime time, had 3.8 million viewers during the 10 p.m. hour.

Cable television ratings indicate the degree to which viewers seek ideological comfort zones. Fox News Channel, which has shows that appeal to conservatives, had the smallest audience of the three cable news and three broadcast networks, with 2.4 million viewers. During opening night of last week's GOP convention, Fox topped everyone with 6.9 million, or nearly three times as many people.

The left-leaning MSNBC had 4.1 million viewers on Monday, up sharply from the 1.5 million



AP  
First Lady Michelle Obama waves to delegates at the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, N.C., on Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2012.

viewers who watched the network cover the first night of the GOP. It's also nearly twice the audience MSNBC had four years ago, when the network was less partisan.

### Michelle Obama reads Top 10 list on Letterman show

NEW YORK (AP)—Michelle Obama is getting to be a regular on David Letterman's "Late Show."

The first lady delivered Letterman's Top 10 list on Wednesday's show, a night after her speech before the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, N.C. It was a week after her last appearance on the CBS show, her fourth time this year.

Obama presented the "Top Ten Reasons to Watch the Democratic National Convention."

**No. 6:** "As a healthy alternative, we're using low-fat confetti."

**No. 4:** "There will be no Kiss Cam."

The show airs at 11:35 p.m. Eastern time.

### SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

#### Michael Clarke Duncan's services set for next week

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Michael Clarke Duncan's life will be celebrated with a public casket viewing and a private service next week. Duncan spokeswoman Joy Fehily said Wednesday that the Oscar-nominated actor's casket will be on view from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday at the Hall of Liberty at Forest Lawn Memorial Parks and Mortuaries in Los Angeles. A private, invitation-only service will follow on Monday. "The Green Mile" star died Monday at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center after failing to recover from a heart attack in July. He was 54.

#### Author Judy Blume diagnosed with breast cancer

NEW YORK (AP)—Children's author Judy Blume says she was diagnosed with breast cancer over the summer but is "feeling stronger every day" after surgery. The

74-year-old Blume wrote on her blog Wednesday that she learned in June that she had cancer and underwent a mastectomy and reconstruction in late July. She writes that she now walks a couple of miles each morning and dines out at night. Blume hopes to begin writing again soon. Bloom's books include "Are You There, God? It's Me, Margaret," "Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing" and "Deenie."

#### Oscar de la Renta needles celebrity designers

NEW YORK (AP)—Designer Oscar de la Renta may be a celebrity favorite, but the feeling isn't mutual when it comes to stars and athletes who want to delve into fashion design. "Today you can hit a good tennis ball and be a fashion designer," said de la Renta in an interview Wednesday. "Today you can be a movie star and if your last movie didn't do too well, you become a fashion designer. But you know it's craft that you

learn. It's craft of passion." De la Renta's celebrity pals, including Martha Stewart, Barbara Walters and Sarah Jessica Parker, were on hand to show their support Wednesday as The Fashion Institute of Technology presented him with the 2012 Couture Council Award for Artistry.

#### Former Harry Potter publisher now at Random House

NEW YORK (AP)—A former publisher of the Harry Potter books is heading to the house of Dr. Seuss. Barbara Marcus, who helped oversee the first six Potter stories at Scholastic Inc., has been named president and publisher of Random House Children's Books. The publisher announced Wednesday that she is immediately succeeding longtime Random House executive Chip Gibson. In a letter sent to Random House employees, CEO and chairman Markus Dohle says Gibson achieved almost all his professional goals and wanted an "extended break."



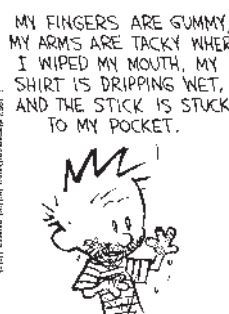
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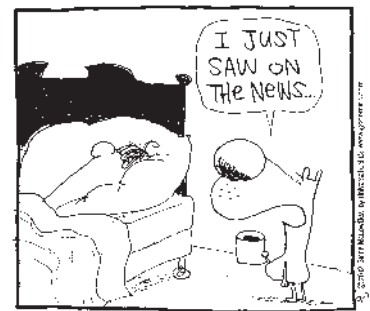
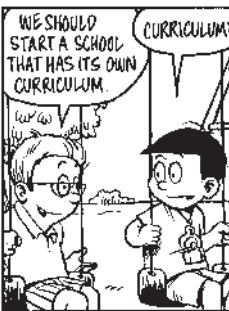
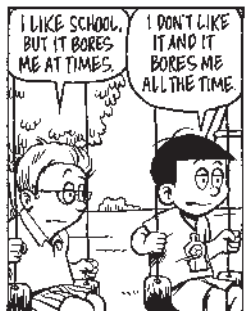


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**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Put more time and effort into your health, wealth and future prospects. Contracts will be beneficial. Your negotiating skills will not let you down. A celebration with friends or family will allow you to share your enthusiasm and future goals. ★★

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## SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★★

## WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

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# Roddick's career ends; Federer falls



**NEW YORK**  
(AP)—More than an hour after hitting one last

shot as a professional tennis player, then delivering one last, voice-wavering speech to an adoring U.S. Open audience, Andy Roddick exited the locker room one last time.

Accompanied by his wife and other family members, a black baseball cap tugged low over his eyes, Roddick slung a racket bag off his aching right shoulder—the one responsible for so many high-speed aces, violent forehands and the most recent Grand Slam title by an American man—and tossed the equipment in the back of a waiting van.

Won't need that any longer.

Serenaded by choruses of "Let's go, Andy!" that rang through Arthur Ashe Stadium in the closing moments of his career, the 2003 U.S. Open champion headed into retirement with a 6-7 (1), 7-6 (4), 6-2, 6-4 loss to 2009 champion Juan Martin del Potro of Argentina in the fourth round at Flushing Meadows on Wednesday.

"If we do badly, then it costs us something; if we do well, we get great things. This was about something bigger. It wasn't about ranking points or paychecks or anything else," Roddick said. "This week I felt like I was 12 years old, playing in a park. It was extremely innocent. That was fun. I enjoyed it."

His defeat was significant, if not as unexpected as top-seeded Roger Federer's 7-6 (1), 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 quarterfinal loss was several hours later against No. 6 Tomas Berdych of the Czech Republic. Federer won five of his record 17 Grand Slam championships at the U.S. Open and was bidding to reach the semifinals in New York for the ninth consecutive year.

But Federer's famous forehand was way off most of the evening, while the 6-foot-5 Berdych kept pounding fast serves and dangerous groundstrokes right where he wanted them. It was Berdych's fourth victory in his last seven meetings against Federer, including in the 2010 Wimbledon quarterfinals en route to a runner-up finish there. Now Berdych will play Olympic champion Andy Murray for a berth in the U.S. Open final.

Roddick's earlier goodbye was bittersweet. For the fans who gave him a standing ovation at the end—del Potro joined in, rising from his changeover chair to applaud—and for Roddick himself.

He covered his face with a white towel while seated on the sideline after sailing a running forehand long with the final swing of his racket. Earlier, he appeared to be trying to avoid crying while serving in the next-to-last game; in the stands, his wife, model-actress Brooklyn Decker, stuck a finger under-



Andy Roddick waves to fans after his loss to Argentina's Juan Martin Del Potro in the quarterfinals during the 2012 US Open tennis tournament, Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2012, in New York. Roddick said he would retire after the match. AP

neath her dark sunglasses to wipe away her tears.

"Playing the last five games was pretty hard. Once I got down a break, I could barely look at my (guest) box," Roddick said during a news conference sprinkled with the sort of witty one-liners he quickly came to be known for after turning pro in 2000. "I don't know what the emotions are. I'm a little overwhelmed right now. I normally feel like I can grasp things pretty quickly and clearly. I certainly don't feel that way right now."

During an on-court address to the crowd, Roddick got choked up, particularly when making a reference to his longtime agent, Ken Meyerson, who died last year.

When handed a microphone, Roddick began by saying: "Oh, wow. For the first time in my career, I'm not sure what to say."

"Since I was a kid, I've been coming to this tournament. I felt lucky just to sit where all of you are sitting today, to watch this game, to see the champions that have come and gone," Roddick told the fans in a moment reminiscent of Andre Agassi's farewell speech at the 2006 U.S. Open after his final match. "I've loved every minute of it."

It was appropriate that Roddick would leave tennis at Flushing Meadows, which is why he surprisingly announced last Thursday, his 30th birthday, that the U.S. Open would be his final tournament. A perfect bookend: He visited the hard-court Grand Slam tournament at age 9, a trip his parents gave him as a birthday present.

He would go on to win a junior title in New York, then the 2003 men's trophy at age 21, allowing him to end that season No. 1 in the ATP rankings. He

later participated in four other major finals—one at the U.S. Open, three at Wimbledon—and lost each to Federer, including a 16-14 fifth set at the All England Club in 2009.

"In my mind," Federer said last week, "he is a Wimbledon champion."

Federer, of course, really is a Wimbledon champion, seven times in all, while Berdych is still seeking his first major title anywhere. But Berdych is exactly the type of player who can give Federer trouble, a tall guy who hits the ball hard. And Federer might have been hurt by getting too much time off between matches: He hadn't competed since Saturday, because his fourth-round foe, Mardy Fish of the United States, withdrew due to a health scare hours before they were supposed to play Monday.

Roddick finished with a record of 612-213 (a winning percentage of .742). He won 32 tournament titles, led the United States to the 2007 Davis Cup championship, and injected a say-what-you-think personality into his sport.

"People always try to beat him up: 'You should have won more.' No, he got the maximum out of his game," said Roddick's coach, Larry Stefanki. "He's a man of his word. A phenomenal competitor. He got all the hard work in. He prepared. He was a true professional. And he learned a lot over the years. He did it the right way. He's a first-vote Hall of Famer, no doubt in my mind. He can downplay that all he wants, but it's not even close, in my opinion."

Del Potro's quarterfinal opponent will be defending champion Novak Djokovic, who advanced when No. 18 Stanislas Wawrinka stopped playing

Wednesday because of illness and fatigue while trailing 6-4, 6-1, 3-1.

That match, like Roddick's against del Potro, was suspended by rain in the first set Tuesday, and Djokovic took a jab at organizers of a tournament that has finished on Monday instead of the scheduled Sunday the past four years because of uncooperative weather.

Essentially, Djokovic wants to know why the U.S. Open doesn't pull tarps over the courts when it rains (the way Wimbledon does) or have at least one court with a roof (the way Wimbledon does).

"I'm sure that they are already thinking about several solutions for upcoming years," Djokovic said, "but obviously (a) roof is something that would help the players, the tournament, everybody."

Djokovic's Serbian Davis Cup teammate, No. 8 Janko Tipsarevic, finished his rain-interrupted 6-3, 7-6 (5), 6-2 victory over No. 19 Philipp Kohlschreiber of Germany, and gets No. 4 David Ferrer of Spain in the quarterfinals.

Murray was the first man into the semifinals, turning things around after being a point from a two-set hole against 12th-seeded Marin Cilic and winning 3-6, 7-6 (4), 6-2, 6-0.

Like Murray, four-time major champion Maria Sharapova constructed quite a comeback in her quarterfinal, erasing a 4-0 deficit and defeating 2007 Wimbledon runner-up Marion Bartoli 3-6, 6-3, 6-4. Sharapova is 12-0 in three-set matches this season.

"It's a great statistic," Sharapova said. "It shows that I enjoy the battle, no matter what the score is."

No Sharapova-like or Murray-esque theatrics were re-

quired by Serena Williams, who has won three of her 14 Grand Slam titles at the U.S. Open. She hit 12 aces in her latest dominant performance, a 6-1, 6-3 victory over 2008 French Open champion Ana Ivanovic.

Williams' semifinal opponent will be 10th-seeded Sara Errani of Italy, who eliminated her good friend and doubles partner, No. 20 Roberta Vinci, in straight sets.

Before the drama of Berdych vs. Federer under the lights at night, the story of the afternoon was Roddick's departure—from the tournament and from tennis. Williams watched his loss to del Potro before taking on Ivanovic in the

same stadium Wednesday night.

"He's been the ultimate inspiration for me. Just a great guy, and he did so much for American tennis," Williams said. "I'm really kind of sad."

A series of injuries, particularly to his shoulder, made it tough for Roddick to remain in the game's upper echelon. A member of the top 10 at the end of nine consecutive seasons, he slid to 34th in March, his lowest ranking since 2001. A hurt right hamstring forced Roddick to retire during his second-round match at the Australian Open, and he lost in the first round at the French Open and third at Wimbledon.

## A tall American team at Ryder Cup



**NEW YORK**  
(AP)—Ryder Cup captain Davis Love III caused a few

murmurs at the Nasdaq Market Site on Tuesday when making his picks.

He announced Dustin Johnson, Jim Furyk and Brandt Snedeker before getting to the fourth and final pick.

"And then last but not least—and if you read between the lines, not in any particular order except that we are doing it by height," he said.

Rickie Fowler?

No, it was Steve Stricker, who is listed at an even 6 feet in the PGA Tour media guide, which made him the shortest of the picks. Stricker has never been considered short, except when compared with a Ryder Cup team that is getting taller all the time.

Talk about growing the game. "We're getting bigger and bigger athletes," Love said.

Love, who is 6-foot-3, was the tallest player when he made his first Ryder Cup team

in 1993. There are five players who are at least 6-foot-3 on this team—Johnson, Matt Kuchar, Keegan Bradley, Phil Mickelson and Bubba Watson.

The only players on the U.S. team listed under 6 feet are Zach Johnson (a very generous 5-foot-11) and Jason Dufner (5-foot-10).

"I wasn't a good athlete, I was just tall," Love said. "Now we're getting good athletes. Dustin Johnson, you put him in a (New York) Giants uniform, he'd fit right in. You're getting them from other sports, guys that could have played another sport. Lucas Glover could have played baseball if he wanted to. Nicolas Colsecaerts is a big strong guy. There's obviously going to be great chippers and putters—short guys—but we're trending toward bigger, more powerful athletes."

Consider one of the ways he described why he took Johnson as a captain's pick.

"You just want the best athletes available in the draft," Love said with a grin.



# Cowboys romp past Giants in season opener



**EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.**

(AP)—Inspired by Jason Witten's surprise appearance and sparked by Kevin Ogletree's unexpected star turn, the Dallas Cowboys kept the spotlight on football, not officiating.

The Cowboys waited all year for another shot at the New York Giants. When they got it in the 2012 season opener, they were ready, winning 24-17 on Wednesday night in a game that wasn't really that close.

Also ready were the replacement officials, who barely were a story with Dallas dominating the Super Bowl champions for much of night.

It won't make up for the New Year's Day loss that cost the Cowboys the NFC East title and sent the Giants on their way to the NFL championship. It sure could provide impetus for this season, though.

"We're judged by winning and losing," said quarterback Tony Romo, who threw three touchdown passes, "so the best thing was going on the road and getting a win. Not only a win, but it was against a division rival and obviously against the world champs. I don't know how many times teams go in and beat them in that first game of the year. It's a tough atmosphere, a tough game. Our team grinded it out and did good."

So did the officials, who were expected to be a big factor with the league's lockout of the regulars. But there were no controversies, no blatant mistakes nor rampant confusion.

"No problems, just as we said there wouldn't be," league executive Ray Anderson said at halftime. Nothing changed in the second half.

Romo threw for 307 yards, DeMarco Murray rushed for 129 yards and Ogletree had two touchdowns. Yet most of their praise was for Witten, who had only two receptions for 10 yards.

Witten missed most of the preseason with a lacerated spleen and was considered a long shot to suit up for the opener. Yet there he was, uplifting his teammates with his mere presence.

"Sometimes you don't care about yourself, you go out and play for the guys," Cowboys linebacker DeMarcus Ware said. "It was emotional. We were all behind him when he said he would play."

Witten didn't think it was such a big deal.

"I think and hope every other player on our team would do the same thing," he said. "At this point in your career, you want that mentality to leave it all out there."

Ogletree enjoyed his big night not far from where he grew up in the New York borough of Queens.

"A huge emphasis for us was big plays," he said. "I don't want the focus to be on me too much, but I am very,



Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Miles Austin (19) catches a pass over New York Giants defensive back Justin Tryon (30) during the second half of an NFL football game, Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2012, in East Rutherford, N.J. Austin scored a touchdown on the play. AP

very humbled and appreciative of how we played today."

Dallas' defense frustrated Eli Manning and his offense with three sacks and a half-dozen pressures, all before the largest crowd at MetLife Stadium for a Giants game. The 82,287 saw the defending league champs lose in the now-traditional mid-week kickoff contest for the first time in nine such games.

"We let them know where we are as a defense, and that we'll play that way every week," Ware said after getting two sacks to give him 101 1-2 for his career, now in its eighth season. When the Cowboys were threatened late—a spot they often have folded in against the Giants—Romo hit Ogletree for 15 yards on third down to clinch it. That gave Ogletree 114 yards on eight catches; he had 25 receptions for 294 yards and no scores entering the game.

"I'm close to home, so it's a good feeling," Ogletree said. "But Dallas is my home now."

The Cowboys' big-time receivers - Miles Austin, Dez Bryant and Witten - were eclipsed by Ogletree, who sure didn't resemble a backup. In the first half, he had five catches for 47

yards and a TD, and broke free for a 40-yard reception early in the third quarter, thoroughly fooling New York's top cornerback, Corey Webster to start the second half - the kind of big play the Cowboys couldn't make enough of in that Jan. 1 showdown that ended their season. And they got another huge play from Murray, who broke two tackles in the backfield, scooted down the right sideline for 48 yards, and set up Dan Bailey's 33-yard field goal for a 17-10 lead through three quarters.

After Manning connected with former Cowboys tight end Martellus Bennett for a 9-yard touchdown with 2:36 remaining, Dallas never gave the ball back.

"Take a bite out of humble pie, that's basically what it is," Giants coach Tom Coughlin said. "It brings you right back down to earth."

Murray's counterpart with the Giants, Ahmad Bradshaw, scored on a 10-yard run - New York's first effective rush all game - for the hosts' first touchdown. And Ogletree's opposite number, Giants third wideout Domenik Hixon, made a spectacular leaping grab for 39 yards over two defenders to set up that score.

Dallas overcame its sloppiness late in the opening half basically on two big plays. Romo hit Bryant in stride over Webster down the right sideline for a 38-yard gain on third down. Two plays later, he sidestepped the pass rush and lobbed to a wide-open Ogletree for a 10-yard score.

America's thirst for football hardly could have been quenched by the first half - unless you enjoy strong defensive line play. Each team had one solid drive that was stymied in scoring position, and the only players moving the ball with consistency were punters Steve Weatherford for New York and Chris Jones for Dallas.

Sean Lee, the Cowboys' rising star inside linebacker, slammed into first-round draft pick David Wilson and the running back fumbled at the Dallas 29. Then the Cowboys moved 29 yards to fourth-and-inches at the Giants 37. Rather than try a quarterback sneak, Romo handed to fullback Lawrence Vickers, who never got close to converting.

Dallas showed similar strength after Michael Boley's 51-yard interception, throwing Bradshaw for losses on con-

secutive runs on which New York's line was overrun. Lawrence Tynes' 22-yard field goal made it 3-0 moments after the first murmur of officiating controversy.

Manning threw to Victor Cruz in the middle of the end zone and Cowboys cornerback Orlando Scandrick arrived along with the ball. Manning

and Cruz motioned for a flag, but it did not come, perhaps because the ball was thrown a bit behind Cruz.

Otherwise, the feared flops by the replacement officials didn't materialize, although Dallas couldn't have been happy with 13 penalties for 86 yards.

The Cowboys could be happy with just about everything else.

## Brain disease deaths high in NFL veterans

**NEW YORK (AP)**—A study of former NFL players finds they were unusually prone to dying from degenerative brain disease, the latest indication that repeated blows to the head may cause serious trouble later on.

The death rate from Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and Lou Gehrig's disease combined was about three times what one would predict from the general population, researchers reported.

Prior research had suggested football players were unusually prone to those diseases, said lead researcher Everett Lehman of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, which is part of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The study, reported online Wednesday in the journal *Neurology*, looked at death certificates.

It drew on a long-running study of more than 3,400 NFL players with at least five playing seasons in the league between 1959 and 1988. Some 334 had died by the end of 2007, the cutoff for being included in the study. Researchers compared their death rates from various causes to that of a comparable group of American men.

One or another of the three brain diseases was listed as the underlying cause of death in 10 cases, which is about three times the general rate for American men, the researchers reported.

Researchers noted that the study can't prove that the results were caused by football-related concussions, and that they may not apply to pro or amateur players who've played fewer than five years.

In recent years, much of the attention to brain problems in football players has focused on a condition known as CTE, which is traced to repeated head blows. The new study didn't look for CTE. It's not among the standard list of conditions the researchers used for classifying deaths, Lehman said.

But some of the brain disease deaths counted in the study may have actually come from misdiagnosed CTE, which stands for chronic traumatic encephalopa-

thy, the researchers noted.

Dr. Robert Cantu, who co-directs a center that studies CTE at Boston University but did not participate in the new study, said the results are "not at all surprising." He agreed that some of the deaths could be misdiagnosed CTE, noting that the diagnosis requires a special chemical test of the brain after death.

Also on Wednesday, the NFL announced a donation of \$30 million for medical research to the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health, the fundraising arm of the NIH.

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said the research could benefit athletes and potential areas of study may include CTE, concussion management and treatment and disorders from later in life such as Alzheimer's.

"We hope this grant will help accelerate the medical community's pursuit of pioneering research to enhance the health of athletes past, present and future," Goodell said.

The players union released a statement commending the donation.

"The players applaud the NFL's decision to independently fund a research partnership between the NFL and National Institutes of Health," the NFLPA said in a statement. "We look forward to reviewing their findings."

Former Vikings defensive end Carl Eller, who is the chairman of the board for the NFL Retired Players Association, said the donation would probably help future and current players more than past ones.

"My position would be that it could have been better spent with retired players," Eller said. "I think we have players that could benefit from that more specifically."

Dr. Stephanie James, acting executive director of the Foundation for the NIH, expects the grant to have a positive effect on people in all walks of life.

"We are grateful for the NFL's generosity," James said. "The research to be funded by this donation will accelerate scientific discovery that will benefit athletes and the general public alike."



# Yankees back on top after win over Rays



ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)—

Russell Martin homered and drove in three runs, and the New York Yankees regained sole possession of first place in the AL East with a 6-4 win over the Tampa Bay Rays on Wednesday night.

Second baseman Eliot Johnson's errant throw to home plate that led to two runs in the seventh inning helped the Yankees win for the fifth time in 15 games.

New York sat atop the division standings by itself for 84 consecutive days—its longest streak since 2004—until Tuesday night's loss to Tampa Bay dropped the Yankees into a tie with Baltimore. They moved back into first place when the Orioles lost to Toronto.

New York, which held a team meeting before the game, leads the third-place Rays by 2 1/2 games.

## Blue Jays 6, Orioles 4

In Toronto, Blue Jays rookie Adeiny Hechavarria drove in the go-ahead run with a bunt single, Rajai Davis homered and had three RBIs and Toronto beat Baltimore to avoid a three-game sweep.

## Rangers 7, Royals 6

In Kansas City, Adrian Beltre hit a three-run homer, Michael



New York Yankees' Steve Pearce dives towards home plate scoring on a fielder's choice by teammate Derek Jeter and an error by Tampa Bay Rays second baseman Elliot Johnson during the seventh inning of a baseball game, Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2012, in St. Petersburg, Fla. AP

Young also went deep and Texas held on to beat Kansas City.

Ryan Dempster (5-1) gave up RBI doubles to Billy Butler in the first inning and Salvador Perez in the sixth, but was otherwise stingy for the AL West-leading Rangers.

## White Sox 6, Twins 2

In Chicago, Alex Rios homered twice and drove in a career-high six runs to lead the White Sox over Minnesota.

Rios hit a grand slam in the first inning off P.J. Walters (2-3) and a two-run shot in the sixth to help Chicago maintain its one-game lead in the AL Central over Detroit.

## Tigers 7, Indians 1

In Detroit, Miguel Cabrera hit a two-run homer in the first inning and Prince Fielder added a solo shot in the eighth to help Detroit avoid a three-game sweep with a victory over Cleveland.

## Angels 7, Athletics 1

In Oakland, Torii Hunter drove in three runs and Los Angeles completed a three-game sweep after Oakland pitcher Brandon McCarthy took a liner off his head in the fourth inning.

## Mariners 2, Red Sox 1

In Seattle, Kevin Millwood pitched six stingy innings to win for the first time in 52 weeks

and Seattle handed the staggering Boston Red Sox their eighth defeat in nine games.

Dustin Ackley hit a two-run single in the fourth to back Millwood (5-12).

## Phillies 6, Reds 2

In Cincinnati, Erik Kratz hit a three-run home run, Chase Utley added a two-run shot, and Roy Halladay stayed perfect when given a big lead as the Philadelphia Phillies beat the Cincinnati Reds, 6-2.

## Mets 6, Cardinals 2

In St. Louis, R.A. Dickey became the first pitcher in the majors to win 18 games this season,

and Ike Davis hit a three-run homer to lift the New York Mets over St. Louis.

## Nationals 9, Cubs 1

In Washington, Bryce Harper hit two homers and the Nationals went deep six times for the second consecutive game, sending Gio Gonzalez to his 18th victory in a rout of the Cubs.

## Braves 1, Rockies 0

In Atlanta, Mike Minor held Colorado hitless for six innings, Craig Kimbrel earned a four-out save and the Braves beat the Rockies.

Minor allowed one hit, four walks and struck out seven in

seven innings.

## Pirates 6, Astros 3

In Pittsburgh, Kevin Correia pitched six solid innings as a fill-in starter and Alex Presley, a late addition to the lineup, had two hits and scored three runs as the Pirates beat Houston.

## Brewers 8, Marlins 5

In Miami, Rickie Weeks homered twice and drove in four runs to help Wily Peralta win his first major league start and lead the surging Brewers over the Marlins.

Peralta (1-0) pitched six innings, allowing three runs and five hits.

## Diamondbacks 6, Giants 2

In San Francisco, Trevor Cahill took a no-hitter into the seventh inning, helping Arizona win a game in which the benches cleared after a tag play at third base.

Cahill didn't give up a hit until Marco Scutaro led off the seventh with a single.

## Padres 4, Dodgers 3

In Los Angeles, Carlos Quentin's sacrifice fly put San Diego ahead in the seventh and Padres center fielder Cameron Maybin robbed Matt Kemp of a go-ahead homer in the bottom of the inning.

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# Mafia, Try Luck stay on top of SEDA league

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Oceanside Bar & Grill's Mafia and Triple Threat and Jonny's Bar & Grill's Try Luck remain the front-runners in the Saipan Electronic Dart Association's 2012 Summer/Fall Bud Light Dart League.

Mafia was shocked by Bammy's Restaurant & Bar-bottom feeder Sabalu Boyz (36-49), 7-10, on the road on Monday, but still boasts an 11-game lead atop the A division standings with its 56-29 record.

Mafia's sister-team Bud Brothers (45-40) were on a bye this week, but still reside in second place, one game ahead of SOS Bar & Grill's Outlawz (44-41), which bested fourth-ranked Mixblood Shooters (50-52), 10-7, in a road draw.

In other results, Sand's Bar's Juvy Predators (38-47) worked out a strong 11-6 home upset over SOS's 101 Proofers (37-48) to switch places with its rivals in the rankings.

Notables remain a 140-high in by Mafia's Jesse Villar and a



SEDA's Momes'I Mei, pictured in this recent file photo, routed Joe's Steakhouse's Just Like Dat, 11-4, in SEDA's Ladies division.

131-high out by 101 Proofers' Rolly Bermiso.

In Tuesday B, Triple Threat went into the Waterfront and rocked the K-1 Scorpions (31-59), 13-2, to strengthen its hold to the No. 1 spot. Improving its already stout card

to 67-23, Triple Threat is beginning to pull away from the pack and leads the field by a dozen games.

Naked Fish Bar & Grill's Na'Gupu II (55-35) brushed off SOS's 80 Proofers (41-49), 11-4, on the road to re-



The Juvy Predators, pictured in this recent file photo, forced an 11-6 home upset over SOS Bar & Grill's 101 Proofers in SEDA's A league.

main in second place, one win ahead of VFW Post 3457's Delubyo (54-36), which fell to fourth-ranked Dartaholiks (49-41), 6-9, in a home draw. Oceanside's Good Guyz (40-50) downed sister-squad Wreckless Pre-

cision (23-67), 9-6, in a road draw as well.

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teach local kids about the benefits of hard work and dedication. Next month Jack wants to provide some of his top performers the opportunity to travel off-island and compete in a huge event to broaden their competitive field," said event organizer Brad Ruszala in an email to *Saipan Tribune*.

Meanwhile, runners in the off-road half marathon will go first and head out Banzai Cliff area towards the Last Japanese Command post. They will then turn right along Chalan Pale Arnold for the coral road that will bring them to FEBC site.

Half marathon racers will then go to a t-intersection at the top of the road and turn right for another coral road behind the Marianas Resort Golf Course until they reach the 1,000,000-gallon water tank, where they will turn left along the paved road. When they reach the intersection that leads to the old radar station, runners will continue straight onto the coral road that will lead them down past the firing range and Kalabera Cave.

The course will continue along that coral road and up to

Notables remain a 150-high on by K-1 Scorpions' Anson Jones and a 100-high out by Triple Threat's George Medina.

In the Ladies division, defending champion Try Luck defeated Es'y Kitchen's B-52 Shooters (51-39), 10-5, at home to maintain its advantage and move up to a 67-23 slate. However, Bammy's-bad host Momes'I Mei (64-26) ran over Joe's Steakhouse's Just Like Dat (37-53), 11-4, to trim Try Luck's division lead to three games.

In other results, Oceanside's G-Side Shooters (35-55) traveled to Joe's and plucked the Daffodils (22-68), 9-6, while Naked Fish's Man-Amigas (44-46) pulled off a much needed 9-6 road win over SOS's Wonder Women (40-50).

Notables include a 160-high in by Momes'I Mei's Frances Magofna and a 152-high out by her teammate, Sally Aguon.

the final paved section when they reach the Bird Island overlook. Next, they will turn right at the intersection that leads down to the Grotto and take leave of the road with a left hand turn onto the Santa Claus Lane.

The trail will intersect with the Fun Run course along the road to Cowtown. From that point, half marathon and fun run participants will follow the course below the Cowtown Raceway for the final mile and a half to the finish line at Banzai Cliff.

The short course runners will start the same way but will turn left when they reach the Last Japanese Command Post and turn left again at the fork in the road that leads to the Cowtown Raceway.

Last year, Keum Bae Ji and Mieke Carey shared top honors in the half marathon with the former winning the men's division with a time of 1:37:41 and the latter ruling the women's field after clocking in at 1:50:46.

In the fun run, Chad Lowe had the fastest time with his 29:39, followed by Alexander Racoma (33:54) and father and daughter Daniel (1:04:33) and Soleil Lamar (1:04:34).

For more information about Saturday's race, contact Ruszala at 287-2723. (*Saipan Tribune*)

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faster than the long course meters time and a bit slower than short course yards (SCY) times," added Wong.

The 21-year-old swimmer aims to post 1:05 in the 100m breaststroke, complete the 50m freestyle under 24 seconds (23.99), and record 57.99 second in the 100m IM and 2:06.99 in the 200m IM.

The CNMI does not keep records in short course (25-meter pool), but in the long one, Wong holds the Commonwealth's record in the 100m breaststroke

(1:07.29), which he logged on May 30, 2012 during the 9th Oceania Swimming Championships in New Caledonia. He also owns the long course national record in the 200m IM (2:10:18), which he made on July 27, 2011 during the 14th FINA World Championships in Shanghai, China.

Joining Wong on the squad are fellow Tsunami Saipan Swimming Center member Kensuke Kimura and Saipan Swim Club's Victoria Chentsova. Minerva Cabrera, also from SSC, will coach the small CNMI Team.

"I also want to just lead the CNMI team, however small,

to the best of my ability and show a good example for Ken and Victoria. I am 21 now and should be able to handle more responsibility than just myself. I also would just to have a positive attitude and race with all I have," added the Commonwealth athlete.

The University of Hawaii swim team member would like to thank Northern Marianas Swimming Federation for his selection and all his supporters for making his participation in various competitions around the world possible.

"As I always say, I have been very blessed to travel to all these amazing places. Swimming and

hard work have allowed me to have these opportunities, but God and my family and friends have carried me there. Life is too short to take for granted, so I try to breathe every moment in as if it were my last," Wong said.

"I would like to thank NMA-SA and NMSF for nominating me for the World and also to my coaches Hiro Kimura, the Tsunami Swim Team Family, Saipan Swim Club, University of Hawaii at Manoa swim team, and of course the Wong family for always supporting me. Lastly, I give God all the glory for letting me pursue my dreams," he said.

## ZHAILA'S

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### QQ Rent A Car 90, Yuchihiro 85

In the first game, QQ Rent A Car improved to a 2-3 record after beating Yuichiro.

Elgene Mangali sizzled for 31 points in the victory, as QQ Rent A Car took the win with a 5-man lineup. Four of the five

QQ players scored in double figures with Marlon Sison adding 19, Arthur Montes chipping in 15, and Kermit Concepcion tallying 11.

Mangali fired 13 of his 31 points in the fourth quarter and earned a living from the foul line to lift QQ to the win. Mangali converted 7 free throws, making 6 consecutive ones to foil Yuchico's bid. He also converted two field goals, while

Sison and Concepcion had one each in the closing minutes to beat Yuchihiro.

### First Game

**QQ Rent A Car 90** – Mangali 31, Sison 19, Montes 15, Concepcion 11, Lansang 3.

**Yuichiro Printing 85** – Abedes 28, Machacho 20, Sanciango 2, Gomez 6, Enriquez 6, Tengco 3, Cultura 2.

Scoring by quarters: 19-21,

42-40, 61-61, 90-85.

### Second Game

**Zhaila's All-Starz 72** – Ajoste 16, Chan 16, Hernandez 10, Ja. Bahillo 7, Lansang 5, Mostales 4, Fef. Bahillo 2, Jer. Bahillo 2, Sula 2.

**Mawati 70** – Nonato 19, Rollon 18, Ibanez 14, Pena 10, Reyes 5.

Scoring by quarters: 12-21, 33-38, 46-57, 70-72.

## KISS

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sion in the fourth canto.

Playing in their first game of the season, both teams struggled early with Kiss My Pass only making four field goals to fall behind at the end of the first period, 8-12. Only Jeraldine Castillo scored more than two points for Kiss My Pass, as Mae Ito and Jayda Mendoza contributed just one basket each in the opening canto.

Lalaine Pagarao got things

going for IDK Who in the first frame, as she scored half of their total points for their 4-point lead.

However, Kiss My Pass wiped out the deficit and went on to take a 34-21 halftime advantage after having a breakout game in the second period. Kiss My Pass exploded for 26 points against the only 9 of IDK Who. Jeraldine Castillo logged 12 points in the scoring spree, including back-to-back triples late in the second canto, while Ito, Dianne Pablo, and Jeralyn Castillo contributed 4 points apiece.

Jeraldine Castillo was then held to one field goal in the third quarter and her lackluster offense rubbed off her teammates, as Kiss My Pass also got only two points each from Charlene Lizado and Mikky Vargas.

With Kiss My Pass going cold in the third, IDK Who managed to slice the lead to 4, 36-40, with a full quarter to go. IDK drew points from five different players in the third canto to threaten Kiss My Pass.

In the fourth quarter, the scoring was pretty even with IDK Who nailing 16 against Kiss My

Pass' 14. However, IDK failed to neutralize Jeraldine Castillo in the payoff canto and the Marianas High School mainstay delivered the killer blows in the homestretch to give Kiss My Pass the win in its debut.

**Kiss My Pass 54** – Jeraldine Castillo 26, Pablo 6, Ito 6, Vargas 4, Jeralyn Castillo 4, Garon 2, Lizardo 2, Mendoza 2.

**IDK Who 52** – Pagarao 20, Padilla 7, Rastguay 7, Iriarte 6, Atalig 6, Yiu 4.

Scoring by quarters: 8-12, 34-21, 40-36, 54-52.

## TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS				
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	77	59	.566	—
Baltimore	76	60	.559	1
Tampa Bay	75	62	.547	2 1/2
Boston	63	75	.457	15
Toronto	61	75	.449	16
Central Division				
Chicago	74	62	.544	—
Detroit	73	63	.537	1
Kansas City	61	75	.449	13
Cleveland	58	79	.423	16 1/2
Minnesota	56	81	.409	18 1/2
West Division				
Texas	81	55	.596	—
Oakland	76	60	.559	5
Los Angeles	74	63	.540	7 1/2
Seattle	67	71	.486	15

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
Washington	84	52	.618	—
Atlanta	77	60	.562	7 1/2
Philadelphia	66	71	.482	18 1/2
New York	65	72	.474	19 1/2
Miami	60	77	.438	24 1/2
Central Division				
Cincinnati	83	55	.601	—
St. Louis	74	63	.540	8 1/2
Pittsburgh	72	64	.529	10
Milwaukee	67	69	.493	15
Chicago	51	85	.375	31
Houston	42	95	.307	40 1/2
West Division				
San Francisco	77	60	.562	—
Los Angeles	73	65	.529	4 1/2
Arizona	68	70	.493	9 1/2
San Diego	64	74	.464	13 1/2
Colorado	56	79	.415	20

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# NMICF/Tan Holdings Bike Race

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Youth bikers head out of the course during the Northern Mariana Islands Cycling Federation/Tan Holdings MTB and road bike race last Aug. 26.



Jerome Diyco gestures as he heads to the finish line at PauPau Beach.



Two bikers make their final turn to the finish line.



A female biker leads a male rider on their way to the finish line.



Nap Dizon is on his way to a first place finish in the road bike category.



A mud-covered Russ Quinn nearing completion of the MTB race.



Ben Babauta makes a turn at the parking lot of PauPau Beach.



A biker makes a wrong turn at the finish line.



Youth bikers listen to Heather Kennedy, not in the photo, during the course briefing.



Roddick's  
career ends;  
Federer falls

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## Rezne sets target at World Championships



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Rezne Wong, seen here racing in Hawaii this year, will be leading the CNMI in the World Championships in Turkey this December.

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CNMI swimmer Rezne Wong is hoping to end the 2012 season with a bang, as he aims to record personal best times in the FINA World Swimming Championships this December in Turkey.



"I am planning to compete in the 100m breaststroke, 50m freestyle, and the 100m and 200m individual medley. My goal will be to get best times in these races," said Wong, who is leading the three-swimmer CNMI Team to the tournament that will run from Dec. 12 to 16 at the Sinan Erdem Dome in Istanbul.

The Marianas High School graduate will have an event per day in Turkey, racing in the 100m breaststroke first on Dec. 12, competing in the 50m freestyle on Dec. 13, and swimming in the 200m and 100m IM on Dec. 14 and 15, respectively.

"These are short course meters (SCM) times, so they are a bit

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## Zhaila's still spotless in DLX caging

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Zhaila's All-Starz capitalized on yet another Mawati breakdown to eke out a 72-70 victory in the second game in the 2012 DLX/Gualo Rai Invitational Basketball League last Wednesday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

Zhaila's stole the win despite trailing by 11 at the end of the third period to keep its perfect record (5-0) and clinch the first playoff berth in Pool A. Mawati dropped to a 1-5 record and is out of the running for the next round.

Jeff Chan anchored Zhaila's come-from-behind win, as he drilled 11 of his 16 points in the fourth canto, including a crucial free throw in the homestretch. Jason Bahillo had only 7 markers, but made 4 of them in the final minutes of the fourth canto.

Chan and Bahillo canned

Zhaila's All-Starz' Jeff Chan, seen here challenging the defense of Wushin Express' Jun Patawaran, scored 11 points in the fourth quarter of their 72-70 win over Mawati in the DLX caging last Wednesday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO



important baskets in the last one minute of the game, as Zhaila's pressured the rattled and tired Mawati crew to force errors and turned them into points.

Mawati played with only five players and despite a depleted lineup, it managed to control the first three quarters of the match only to fall apart in the end. Mawati had the same monumental collapse against Wushin Express last week and their three other losses.

Mawati took a 21-12 lead in the opening canto with all its five players making it to the scoreboard. The stunned Zhaila's picked up its scoring in the second period to move within five at the break, 33-38.

After getting the much-needed breather at halftime, the short handed Mawati team stepped on the gas anew in the third canto to stretch the lead to double digits, 57-46. Marlo Ibanez led Mawati's third-quarter attack, scoring 9 markers.

However, Ibanez was limited to one field goal and a free throw in the crucial fourth canto and the visibly exhausted Mawati team connected only four field goals. Zhaila's, on the other hand, had a lot of gas left in the tank with Chan, Bahillo, and Roger Hernandez teaming up in bringing Zhaila's back into the game and preserving their unblemished record.

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## Kiss My Pass slips past IDK Who

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Kiss My Pass withstood IDK Who's second half rally to escape with a 54-52 victory in their debut game in the 2012 Kanoa Resort Women's Fall Basketball League last Wednesday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium of

the TSL Sports Complex.

Jeraldine Castillo drained rally-halting baskets in the fourth period to thwart IDK Who's repeated comeback bids. Castillo scored 10 of her 26 points in the pay-off quarter, including three crucial free throws that seal the win. The Kiss My Pass shooting guard fired her 7 other markers also in succes-

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IDK Who's Jhaneeka Atalig, front, tries to save the ball from going out of the baseline, while Kiss My Pass' Angie Ito looks on during their game in the Kanoa Resort caging last Wednesday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

## Banzai Memorial run tomorrow



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Miek Carey is seen here going out of the woods during last year's Banzai run.



The seventh edition of the POW-ERade Banzai Memorial Off-Road Half Marathon and Fun Run will take place tomorrow.

Registration starts at 5:15am, while the event begins at 6am. There will be two races—the half marathon and 8-kilometer fun run—but entrance fees are the same at \$10 per runner.

All proceeds of the weekend races will go to Ketson "Jack" Kabiriel's team that will compete in the Guam Ko'Ko Road Race next month.

"If you see a bunch of kids running up hills, through trails, on the track, and along the roads, chances are that they belong to the Jack Kabiriel's training team. Jack is an accomplished runner who figures to win just about every running event held in the Marianas. While he represents the CNMI with pride overseas, he always returns home to provide structured practices that

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